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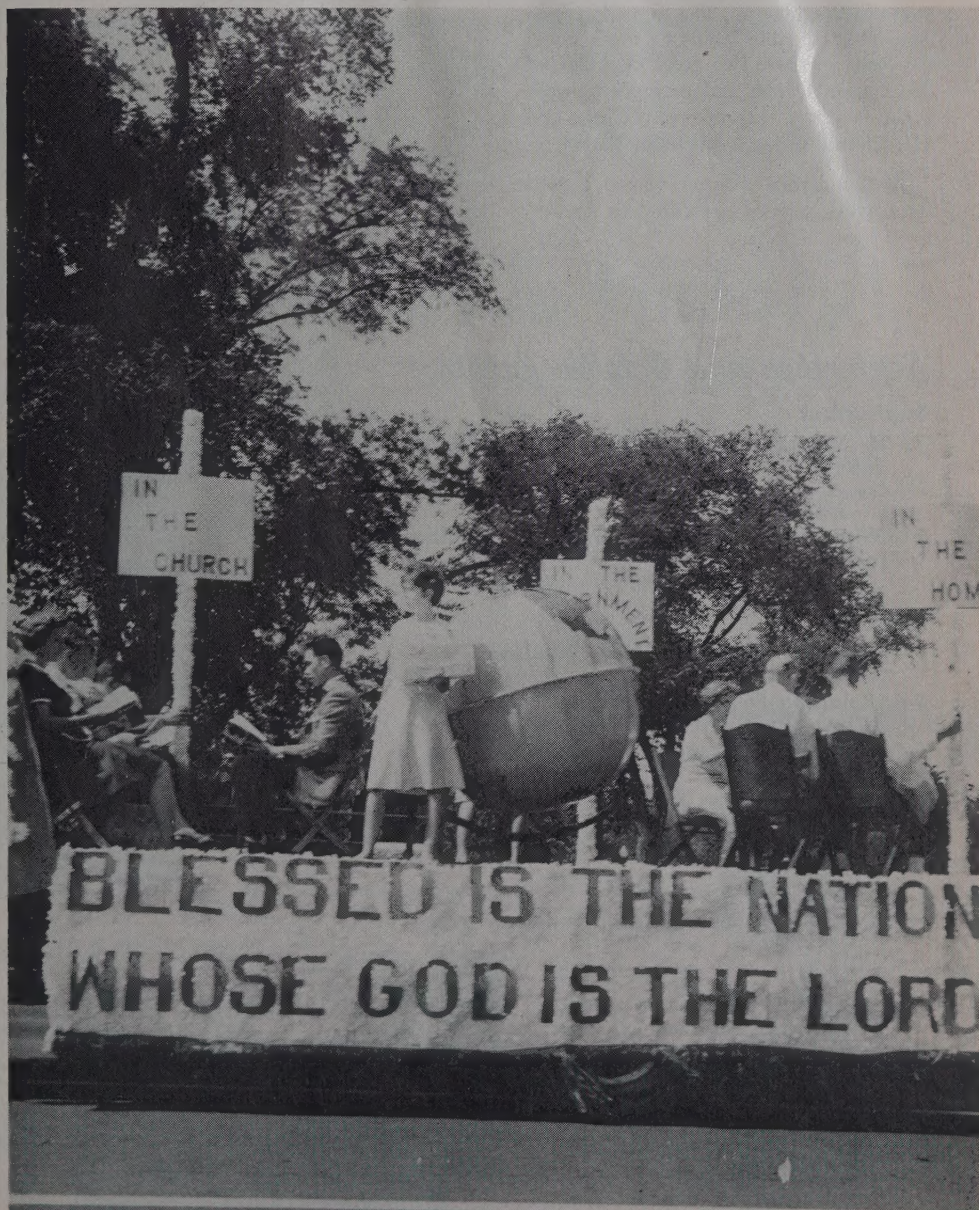
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**CHRISTIAN
WITNESS
IN WASHINGTON**



A SALUTE TO THE PRESIDENT

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Harold E. Westerhoff



No new president could ask for a greater send-off than was accorded Arch J. McQuilkin in the International Convention in Washington. No retiring president could hope for a more significant essay of his four years of leadership than was demonstrated for Clyde W. Meadows in Washington. The transition from one set of capable hands to another will be easy, for these two great men of God have a single eye and a single purpose when it comes to the work of Christ and His Church through Christian Endeavor.

A thunderous ovation was accorded Arch when he was presented to the full

convention as the new president. He had been elected at the meeting of the Corporation on July 4. With his typical humility Arch responded with a statement of his rededication and a commitment to be the "best little president" the International Society has ever had.

A layman, Arch McQuilkin follows an illustrious chain of presidents who have been ordained clergymen: Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, Dr. Earle W. Gates, Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, and Dr. Francis E. Clark, the founder. Buried in the pages of history of Christian Endeavor is a fact little known to

present-day Endeavorers. The first president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, the forerunner of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, the Honorable W. J. Patten, an illustrious layman from Burlington, Vermont, was elected in 1885 when the United Society was first formed under the laws of the State of Maine. It was later transferred to become a corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A noble lay leader in his day, Mr. Patten has his counterpart in these days: the person of Arch J. McQuilkin. Salute him.

September and October Events

September

17-22—Mexican National Convention, Villa Hermosa, Tabasco

Contact: Dr. Hector Avarez G., Apartado Postal 219, Morelia, Michoacan

21—Wisconsin Junior and Junior High Convention, Green Lake

Contact Miss Evelyn Vossekuil, 318 Grove Street, Waupun

October

5—Maryland Convention, New Windsor

Contact: Miss Vergie Lou Rudolph, 217 Winter Street, Hagerstown

5-6—Colorado Fall Conference, La Foret Camp

Contact: Mr. Dennis Roth, 1608 South Washington, Denver 10

4-6—Southern Regional Conference, Montreat, North Carolina

Contact: Miss Elsie Mae Sink, 601 Delmont Street, High Point, North Carolina

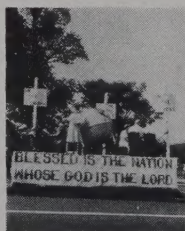
12-13—Great Lakes Regional Conference, Crown Point, Indiana


Contact: Miss Joan Pyle, 242½ West 17th Street, Holland, Michigan

Pray for these Christian Endeavor events!

COVER CLUES

Ontario Endeavorers entered this prize-winning float in the Christian Witness Parade down Constitution Avenue Saturday, July 6, during the International Convention in Washington, D.C.



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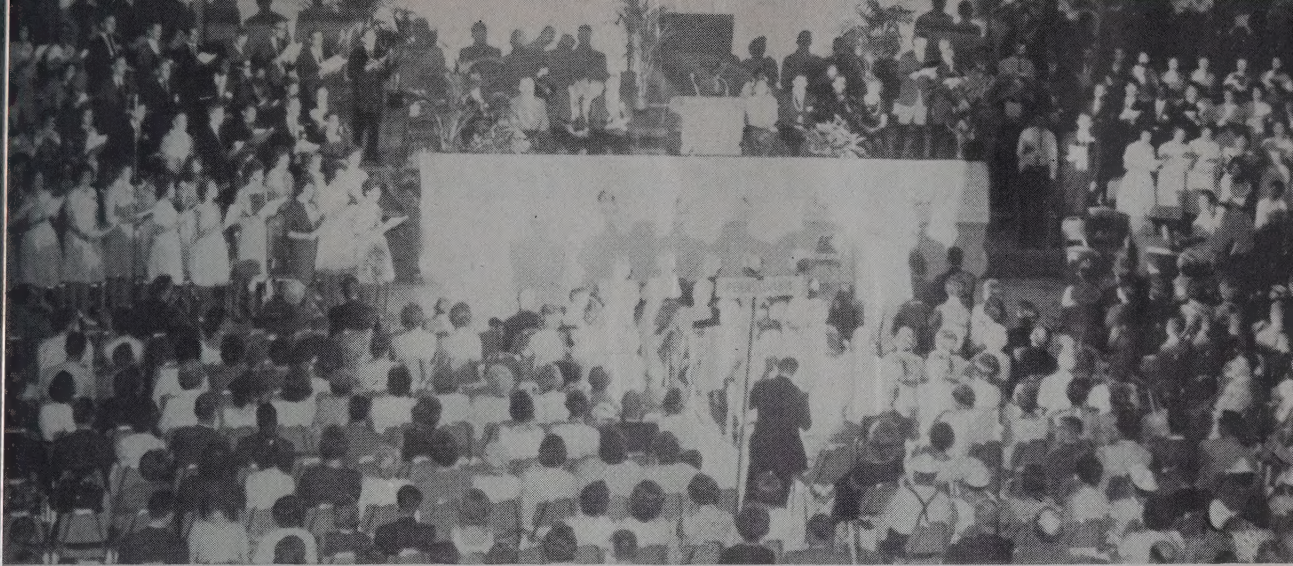
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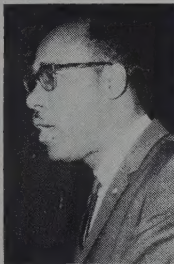
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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD



Throngs of delegates listen to the convention choir in Sheraton Hall



Brooks Hays

Rev. Earl Wesley
Lawson

47th Is History!

With the closing of the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention July 6 in Washington, D.C., another great meeting of Endeavorers came to an end.

"Through Christ I Can" is Christian Endeavor's theme for the next two years, launched during convention sessions.

More than 2,500 young people from the United States, Canada, and Mexico listened to addresses by Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, Rev. Earl Wesley Lawson, Senator Frank Carlson, Dr. George K. Schweitzer, and Dr. Daniel A. Poling, and pledged themselves to grow, witness, and endure through Christ.

All eyes are now turned toward Dallas, Texas, the site of the 48th International Convention July 6-10, 1965.



Rev. Christian A. Tirre (left) and Bishop Clyde W. Meadows (center) confer with Dr. James E. Forest Murch on opening day.

Enthusiastic singing was led by Edward C. Steinhart, with his wife Doris at the organ.

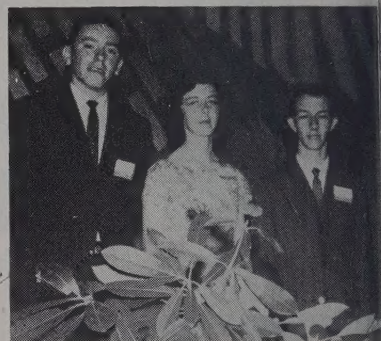
Convention photos by John Hvasta and Warren G. Lund.



Empty Sheraton Hall, in Sheraton-Park Hotel, site of major convention sessions.



Convention in Action



(Upper) Winners in the 1963 Citizenship Awards Program received cash, plaques, and trips to Washington as part of the Albert H. Diebold Awards. Bishop Clyde W. Meadows poses with representatives of the winning societies after the presentation Thursday evening. (Center) A convention high light was the hymn sing on the front lawn of the hotel following the Wednesday evening service. (Bottom) Head table at the Poling Recognition Dinner, also on Wednesday, is shown. Speaking is Brooks Hays, special assistant to the President of the United States. Delegates ate together in the vast Exhibit Hall.

(Upper) Lavern Billig, president, and Mrs. Doris Brea registrar, display the banner won by Pennsylvania Union in the registration contest. (Second) David H. Dreth, 1963 "Endeavorer of the Year," with the two runners-up—(from left) Helen G. Beatty, Lawrence Hanby, and Earle W. Gates, Jr. (Third) Participants in the special service Tuesday at the Christian Endeavor Tree in Mt. Vernon were (left to right) Timothy J. Krieger, Earle W. Gates, Jr., and Bishop Clyde W. Meadows. (Bottom) International leaders giving the "salute" at the dinner (left to right) Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Bishop Meadows, and Dr. Earle W. Gates.

It Happened in Washington

"If you want to be a Christian no one can stop you," declared Bishop Clyde Meadows, D.D., president of the International Society, in his keynote address. "The Christian of today has cunning, powerful, and cruel enemies—the world, the flesh, and the Devil—but he has unlimited power and resources at his disposal. He has the power of God. He has the power of the Gospel—good news. He has the strength of the grace of God."

Bishop Meadows concluded with this challenge: "Through Christ you can leave this world in perfect peace, walk in the present with complete confidence, work with our might and know that it is worthwhile, and face the future with full assurance."

In his message on "Witnessing for Our Lord unto Every Place and in Every Circumstance," Rev. Earl Wesley Lawson, minister of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Boston, Massachusetts, said, "The world sells its commodities faster than Christians confess to God's saving mercies in Jesus Christ. With the resurgence of national and oriental religions, with the staggering population explosion, we need to return to the glorious days of the New Testament church. The early Christian laymen went everywhere and scattered the Good News and began to witness in every predicament and circumstance of life. So we, too, must witness daily, always, under all the frowns and matter-of-factness of this world. Every Christian is a missionary. Let us share the Lord through prayer and courageous living and in loving concern."

Responsible Christian citizenship was the theme of the message on "Our Heritage and Our Future" given by the honorable Frank Carlson, United States Senator from Kansas. "The cornerstone of the American life rests on a strong spiritual foundation," said Senator Carlson. "It is imperative, if we are to preserve and save our sacred freedoms, that we must have a strong, courageous, and God-fearing people. Our youth must be grounded firm and deep in Christian principles if they are to survive economic and social complexities as they go through life."

At the Friday evening service Dr. George K. Schweitzer, professor of chemistry at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, received International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation. The Citation, presented by Bishop Meadows, lauded Dr. Schweitzer for his demonstration in himself and through his work "that the ultimate truths of Science and Religion are in harmony and complement each other." Dr. Schweitzer fills a pulpit as capably as he expounds the problems of radio chemistry. He received a Ph.D. degree in nuclear chemistry at the age of 24 and is now nearing completion of his work for a Ph.D. degree in religion.

Addressing the crowd in Sheraton Hall of the Sheraton-Park Hotel, Dr. Schweitzer indicated that he attended his first Christian Endeavor convention in 1939 in St. Louis. Speaking on "God, Man, and the Age of Space," Dr. Schweitzer discussed the space age in the context of the Christian faith. Pointing out the gargantuan proportions of the world as it can be viewed through the telescope, Dr. Schweitzer said, "God thinks more about you than He does about a billion lifeless stars—this is one of the glories of the Gospel." Speaking of the possibility of life on other planets, he indicated he is more concerned with life on this planet. "We on this planet have had a visitor from outer space—God has crossed time and space and entered into human space as a man. He has humbled Himself and broken the bounds of Heaven to walk among us here." "You can be a satellite," he told the delegates, "When a man partakes of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ he realizes that the God whom our Lord called Father is the center of the universe and that he is privileged to move around the Lord God."

At the closing service Dr. Daniel A. Poling, honorary life president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and editor of CHRISTIAN HERALD magazine, spoke on "The Open Door of Choice." Recalling the words of Jesus, "Behold, I set before you an open door," Dr. Poling challenged youth to dedicate themselves as they return to their homes, to follow Jesus Christ at whatever cost.

Each morning delegates began the day by attending Quiet Hour and Bible study periods led by Rev. Andrew White, executive secretary-treasurer of the Division of Christian Education of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Nashville, Tennessee. Convention music was directed by Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Reinhardt of Seibert Evangelical Congregational Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards were presented to the winners of Christian Endeavor's 1963 Citizenship Awards Program by Rev. Christian A. Tirre, citizenship director. Top awards went to the Young People's Society of Fairmount-Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia; the Young People's Society of Brown Road Community Church, Columbus, Ohio; and the Junior High Society of Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, Texas. David J. Hildreth of Columbus, Ohio, was honored as the 1963 "Endeavorer of the Year."

New officers elected by the Youth Assembly at its official sessions during the convention are: Bruce Vlieg, Kalamazoo, Michigan—chairman; Wilson Porter, Houston, Texas—vice-chairman; Grace Sabatino, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—secretary.



Dr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Poling exclaim over photo of color television set presented at the Appreciation Dinner.



Arch and Helen McQuilkin join in song. He is the newly-elected president of the International Society.



New associate president of the International Society is Ralph E. Robrahn of Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Mrs. Samuel M. Saffery of Honolulu bedecks Bishop Clyde W. Meadows with a lei, Hawaiian style.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT WASHINGTON

Christian Endeavorers meeting in Washington, D.C., for the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention, July 2-6, 1963, would give expression to our theme, to our concern in many areas of Christian citizenship, and to our spirit of gratitude through the following resolutions.

Through Christ I Can

Our new biennial theme, "Through Christ I Can," calls for action, and expresses the spirit of Christian youth in venturesome effort "For Christ and the Church." In this day of speed involving instant communication, jet transportation, and space travel we face unmeasured opportunities for winning others to Christ and building them up in the Christian faith. It is our conviction that our theme is therefore significantly relevant, for it is only through Christ that we can become what we ought to be, witness for Him effectively, and endure unto the end.

Christian Citizenship

We call upon those who name the name of Jesus Christ to make their whole lives count for Him as Christian citizens and to make all that is done be to the honor of our Heavenly King. Christian citizenship includes every area of activity as we strive to do whatever He would have us do.

To this end we urge the individual Endeavorers and the Christian Endeavor societies of North America to join in the Christian Citizenship Witness of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and to report all projects and activities. This can be a vital part of our Christian testimony.

As Christian citizens we feel compelled to speak out especially in the following areas that demand consideration, concern, prayer, thoughtful discussion, and intelligent Christian action:

1. Race Relations

A major imperative concern of the Church and of the State is Race Relations. Oppressed and disinherited racial minorities demand equality of opportunities now, in consonance with our professed Christian faith and democratic ideals. We commit ourselves to a compelling Christian faith and Christian action until equality of opportunity and responsibility are realized by all without regard to race, color, or national origin. Through Christ we can.

2. Juvenile Delinquency

We believe juvenile delinquency to be the result of sin which infects the human heart and of the emptiness which exists

in the lives of many youth. We affirm that the solution to the problem comes through a saving relationship of an individual to Jesus Christ. We therefore resolve to use all spiritual resources at our command to show today's youth the fullness and satisfaction of life in Christ, and the uselessness of crime.

3. Church and State

We recognize and reaffirm our belief in the separation of Church and State. At the same time, as Christians we need to make our voice heard in the State, to pray for those in authority over us, to take our stand even on controversial issues, to accept our democratic responsibility in such matters as voting and holding office, and above all, to be Christian in the home, the school, the community, and in all of life.

4. Liquor and Tobacco

We call upon Christians to abstain from the use of that which defiles and corrupts the body and weakens the Christian witness. Conscious of the harmful effects of the use of alcohol and tobacco both to individuals and to society, we urge that parents and youth make themselves aware of the dangers involved.

We further seek the elimination of false and misleading advertising and all that seeks to make liquor and tobacco socially acceptable.

5. The Lord's Day

We call Christians to observe the Lord's Day conscientiously for family and individual spiritual enrichment. Being aware of the increasing misuse and abuse of the Sabbath, we would urge that this day be set aside as a day of worship, rest, and gladness.

6. The Sanctity of the Home

We believe in the influence and the power of the Christian home. With the family as the basic unit of society it is of the utmost importance that the sanctity of the home be upheld. The breakdown of multitudes of homes in America is the cause of much individual unhappiness and many of the ills and problems of our day.

We urge that followers of Jesus Christ maintain homes with Christ as the Head, where parents and children can mature in the faith as attention is given to prayer, the Holy Scriptures, and discipline in love.

7. Combatting Communism

We call upon all Christians to become aware of the true nature of the problem of Communism and its threat to Christianity. We urge our youth to make a purposeful study of the basic technique

and beliefs of Communism in order to be aware of the vast difference between our Christian faith and the atheistic ideology of Communism. We further urge study of the principles and foundations of our own governments so that enlightened action can be taken to preserve and protect our democracies.

We believe that the strongest defense against Communism is a vital personal relationship with Jesus Christ; therefore, bringing others into the Christian fellowship can be a strong positive effort in the current struggle for the minds and souls of men.

Appreciation

We give humble thanks to Almighty God for His great salvation, as offered through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Christ for our sins," and "He is able to do for them to the uttermost that come unto Him by His own blood," and "He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Let us praise His Name continually.

We further express our thanks to those who have helped us to know this good news: to pastors, teachers, counselors, parents, and friends who have made this Good News available to us.

We are especially grateful to all who have made this convention possible: the Staff and associates of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Program Committee, program personnel, the Capital Area Convention Committee, local news media personnel, management and staff of the Sheraton Park Hotel, along with all others who have helped give us this opportunity to make Christ known and to strengthen us in our love and service to Him and our fellowship with one another through His Name.

As we give thanks for those who labor among us, we are deeply grateful for the work of Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, President of the International Society of Christian Endeavor for four years, who gave a full measure of service to Christ and the Church. His deep devotion to his Lord and Saviour, his willingness to spend and be spent, his unusual leadership qualities, all combined to make him a president much loved. As he completes his four year term and hands the torch of office to another, we express our gratitude for the man and his works and "Well done, good and faithful servant." We rejoice that Christian Endeavor continues to have the blessed and devoted leadership of Clyde W. Meadows, President of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

More Convention Views . . .



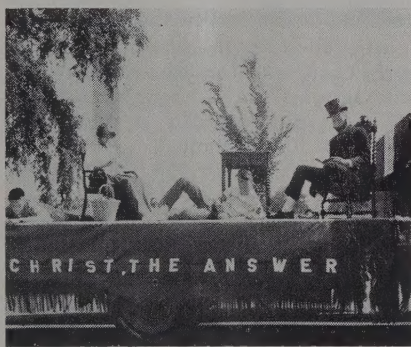
Harry A. Lentz, vice-chairman, presented gifts of appreciation from the Capital Area Convention Committee to Alden E. Imus (left), general chairman, and Phil C. Reed (right), associate chairman.



Delegates from Mexico participated in the sessions of the Youth Assembly. This group of officially appointed representatives of unions and denominations met each day. Special project was advance work on the 1966 Senior High-Young People's topics.



Ohio's float took second award for sitting units. Their marching delegation, which included their own band, also won second prize.



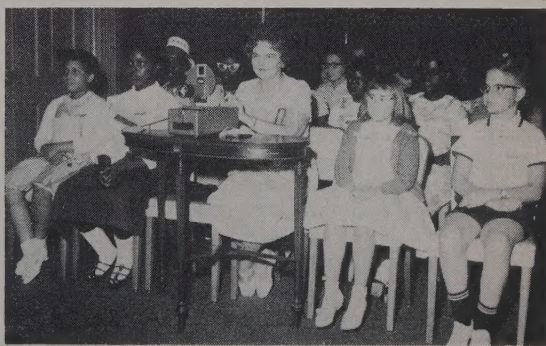
This float from the Land of Lincoln attracted much attention. Illinois delegates carried out their pioneer theme by dressing in costume.



These youth were among the 700 Keystone State marchers. Pennsylvania led the parade and won first prize for marching units.

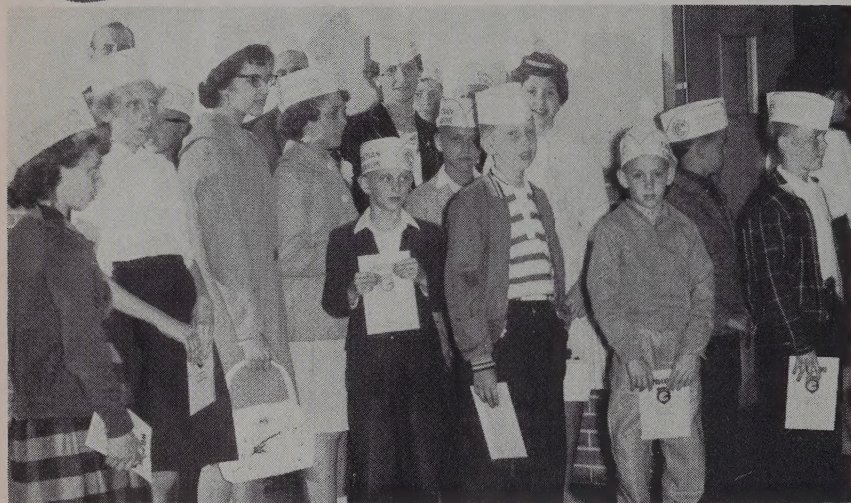


Typical of the enthusiastic conference sessions each morning is this group studying Christian Music, led by B. McClain Cochran. A total of 45 conferences were offered to delegates, divided into four age-group sections.



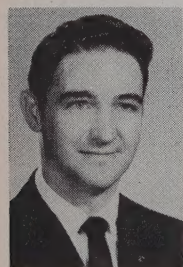
Juniors had a part in the convention, too. Each morning this group enjoyed special activities directed by Nellie V. Griffin. Saturday was the day for the Junior Convention.

NEWS AND VIEWS



JUST A FEW of the 600 Juniors who participated in the Michigan Junior Convention May 18 at Kalamazoo (Michigan) Christian High School are shown here. Theme was "Trust and Obey." Betty Higgins, state Junior superintendent, directed this successful event. The program included a missionary speaker, flannelgraph stories, and singing by a Junior choir.

• MORE CONVENTION news and pictures are scheduled to appear in the October issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.



JAMES V. WADDELL of Steubenville was elected president of the Ohio Union at its June 15 convention in Columbus. A deacon of LaBelle View Church of Christ, Mr. Waddell has served

as Sunday school teacher, Christian Endeavor sponsor, and youth activities coordinator. Employed at the Miners and Mechanics Bank, he has studied at Miami University and the University of Hawaii. Mr. Waddell and his wife, Virginia, have one son, Lindsey, who is ten years old.

• THE CONVENTION SOUVENIR RECORD, "Washington Witness," may still be ordered; price is \$3.50. A new venture, this will include 45 minutes of music and song from the 47th International Convention, recorded both sides on a 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ rpm 12" long play record. Shipment will be made about October 1.

• JULY 6-11, 1964, are the dates for the next International Summer Assembly. To be held at Otterbein College, Westerville (near Columbus), Ohio, this week-long study conference will emphasize Christian citizenship, evangelism, Bible study, and leadership training. Complete cost is \$30.

• "CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR is still the outstanding Christ-centered training school for all ages, especially for youth," says one Presbyterian layman. "It trains the

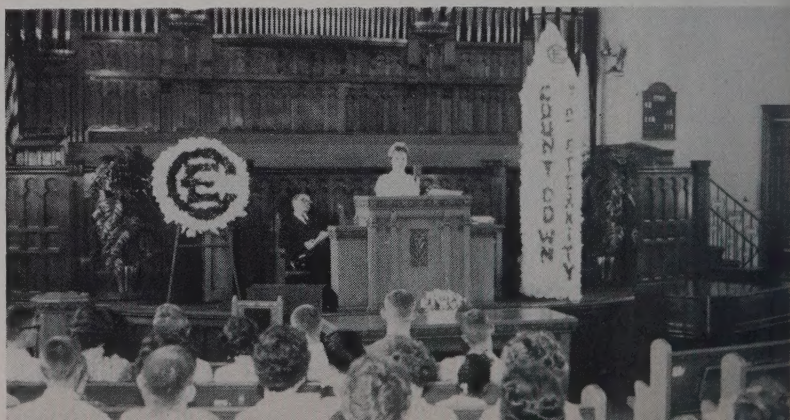
individual Christian to be able to do the great commission. * * * Too many of the churches of today are sterile because the members either cannot or not obey the great commission. We are not prepared to take the good news to others."

• CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Hurley of Ellittsburg, Pennsylvania, who has just been appointed superintendent of the Perry County schools. Hurley is chairman of the Education Committee of the Executives' Program Council.

• MICHIGANDERS (four bus loads) recently enjoyed the Washington Convention, according to a report from Rev. Roger Vander Kolk. He says, "When we stopped at the Toledo plaza the delegates gathered around the busses and had a time of singing and thanksgiving for wonderful experiences of the week. * I have never witnessed such zeal as when these kids got home; they couldn't wait to tell their folks and friends who were waiting of their experiences." Mr. Vander Kolk also reports the Michigan Endeavorers received a real spiritual blessing at their state convention, which was held July 6 in Washington.

• SOUTHERN AND GREAT LAKES Endeavorers will have the opportunity to participate in regional conferences next month. Southern Regional sessions will be held October 4-6 in Montreat, North Carolina, with Great Lakes sessions scheduled for October 12-13 in Croft Point, Indiana.

ESTHER SWANSON, Illinois "Endeavorer of the Year," gives her youth witness during the Illinois Convention June 14-16 at First Reformed Church of Roseland in Chicago. Miss Swanson lives in Hanna City and is active in Peoria Union. "Countdown to Eternity" based on Romans 13:11 was the convention theme. Conferences, workshops, challenging messages, and a banquet at McCormick Place on the lake front were convention features. Veva Steen of Springfield is the new state president.



Citizenship Awards for 1964

Christian Endeavor's 1964 Citizenship Awards Program offers the Albert Diebold Awards for individuals as well as for society activities. Awards include \$1,175 in cash, two trips to the International Summer Assembly, and emblems, plaques, and honor certificates.

For Individuals

Awards will be given for articles, editorials, talks, posters, black and white photographs, or cartoons which dynamically implement the folder **What Is Christian Citizenship?** and provide a Christian witness to the community. Youth under 25 in the United States and Canada are eligible.

The award is \$150 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$100) for expenses of attending the International Summer Assembly.

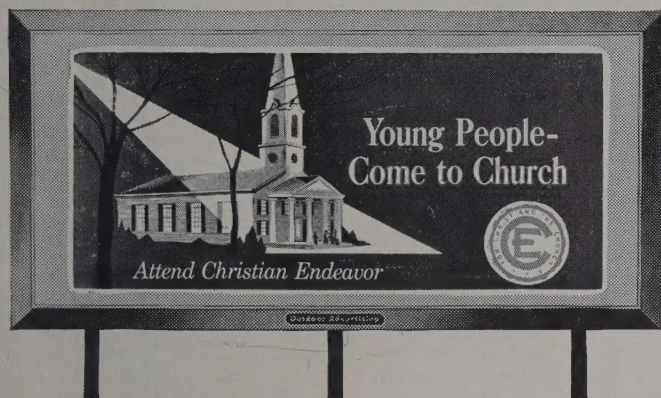
For Societies

Society awards are based on the sponsoring and reporting of a significant Christian citizenship activity. Each entry will be evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, the manner in which it implements the folder **What Is Christian Citizenship?** and Christian witness to the community. All Christian Endeavor societies or similar youth groups in the United States and Canada are eligible. Majority of members must be under 25 years old.

The first award will be \$200 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$100) for expenses of one or more representatives to attend the International Summer Assembly.

Contact Rev. Christian A. Tirre, Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, for an entry blank with complete rules and information about the 1964 Citizenship Awards Program.

Christian Endeavor's Outdoor Poster Program



A Miniature One-Color Illustration of the Three-Color Poster

Christian Endeavor's striking outdoor poster will challenge the thinking of thousands of persons, pointing them to Christ. This is part of the year-round evangelism program of Christian Endeavor and will undergird its efforts to win and train youth in societies and fellowships throughout North America.

Through the Outdoor Poster Program, contribution postings are made by poster plant owners, members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc. State and provincial unions secure gifts to make the program possible. The November 15 deadline for poster orders from the International Society is in effect for 1964 postings in January and February. Cost of the posters is \$5 each.

For complete details, contact union leaders or write to the International Society.



CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

1964 CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WEEK

JANUARY 26—FEBRUARY 2

THEME:

"These My Brethren"

The 1964 Christian Endeavor Week Packet is now available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Contents include:

- Manual of suggestions and resources
- Radio program
- Television program
- "Unto These" party plans
- Many other helpful items

Cost of the packet is just 50c.

Plan for the 1964 birthday observance—order your Packet now.

Ready - for - YOUTH RESOURCES

Officer Responsibilities

by Joan Pyle

The officers of a society are president, vice-president, secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer. Some societies do not have a corresponding secretary and the recording as well as the corresponding duties are handled by one person. These compose the executive committee with the guidance of the counselors. The procedure for the election of these officers is usually included in the society constitution. Many of the duties they are to assume in their varied capacities are found within the constitution. Each officer must know his job if he is to be an effective leader in the society. He must also be aware of the total purpose of the Christian Endeavor Society and be willing to attempt in any way he can to help society members realize this purpose. Each individual has different talents and in selecting officers the society should remember that while someone would be an excellent corresponding secretary, they may not in any way be a good president. Let's try not to put square pegs in round holes or misplace responsibilities in those who are unable or unwilling to assume it. Now for the specific duties of the individual officers.

PRESIDENT

The first obligation of the president is that he preside over all the work of the society. This may mean that he presides at a business meeting of the executive committee and of the entire society. It implies that he have a minimum knowledge of parliamentary procedure. He also will preside over other phases of society activity by delegating authority to others in committee appointments and by giving encouragement to those whom he appoints. As president, he has the right to attend all committee meetings in an "ex-officio" capacity, which means that he may suggest ideas but may not make motions or vote. He is the representative of the society in the eyes of the church and as such may be a part of the youth or educational committees of the church. He should maintain a close touch with the pastor by asking for suggestions and guidance as well as making the pastor aware of the needs of the members of his group. Since no one is president forever, the president should make every effort to prepare someone to fill his place by delegating duties, by letting the executive committee participate in all business matters, and by training someone in the role of president. Frequently the vice-president is elected as president and efforts should be made to prepare him for this job. Any time that there is an activity of the entire society the president should be on hand. This includes devotional meetings, socials, and other activities or projects which the society may undertake. He should lend his energy willingly. So we conclude that the president must be consecrated to the cause of Christ. He should have high ideals, energy, perseverance, and administrative ability. He ought to be the best the society has to offer for he is the chosen leader.

VICE-PRESIDENT

The vice-president is one who acts on behalf of, or instead of, the president. So in cases of sickness, when the president is unable to act, there is the vice-president who will assume the presiding duties. The vice-president will need many of the same qualities as the president. Often societies elect the vice-president to the office of president and so the vice-president's office becomes an on-the-job training program. Again some societies have the custom that the vice-president is the devotional chairman. This makes him responsible for the regular devotional meetings and in effect responsible for the spiritual welfare of the society and each member in it. Certain areas of responsibility should be given to the vice-president. No president can watch over all the work of an active society. In business meetings

the vice-president can assist by introducing new items of business, by being prepared to make motions and activate discussions when meetings lag, and by being a right hand man to the president. So the vice-president should subordinate himself to the president, he should be a real helper for the president, and he should be a real inspiration to the society.

RECORDING SECRETARY

The recording secretary has charge of the records of the society except items which come in and out through the post office. This includes accurate and up to date membership records which include attendance records, home addresses, and phone numbers. This is essential for many of the other society committees are dependent upon this information. The secretary must also keep accurate records of business transacted by the society. These minutes should include all committee appointments, all motions made and passed, statements of all reports and a brief account of all items discussed. These should be brief and only a summary of the action. It is best to write these out immediately following the business meeting while the action is still fresh in one's mind. The secretary should assume responsibilities assigned to him by the president and be a willing supporter and participant in the total society program.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

In many societies the work of the corresponding secretary is carried on by the recording secretary. In a small society this is very workable. Since some groups do not have corresponding secretaries you may think that they are a bit of needless machinery. This need not be so for a good person in this office can keep the group on their toes and aware of their duties. Notices of business meetings of the society, of the executive committee, and of any other special meeting should be sent through the corresponding secretary. He should arrange for a bulletin notices and pass on information to those who can publicize meetings and activities. He should send all invitation thank-you's, and any other items of official business which the society may have. The corresponding secretary should be accurate, prompt, and have an ability to write good letters. The secretary can send written notices to all those appointed committees which pertain to their responsibility. These may serve as reminders and may indirectly speed the work of the society.

TREASURER

The ideal treasurer will be honest, accurate, neat, prompt and will never mix his money with that of the society. He is to keep the money, pay it out when ordered to do so by the president, and will do his best to encourage giving. He may encourage members to become members of the Tenth Legion. The best means of keeping society money is through the local bank in a checking account. Cancelled checks are good receipts for payments. Also, the bank statements will serve as a check on the accuracy of the treasurer's accounts. The treasurer must be prompt; he carries the good name of the society as well as the church with him and deliberate delay in paying bills is inexcusable.

While each of the executive officers has a specific job, not one of them can run the whole program. This takes co-operation. It sometimes means giving in and not getting your own way. It sometimes means doing jobs you're not trained to do and don't care to do. Generally, the entire society depends upon the leadership of the executive committee. The responsibility of being an officer cannot be taken lightly if one is committed to the cause of Christ and the cause of the Church.

Topics

FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

In God's Great Harmony

I Corinthians 12:12-27

(World-Wide Communion Sunday)



Suggested Program

Prayer Service

Opening Hymns: *O Worship the King;*
The Church's One Foundation

Announcements and Offering

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians
12:12-27

Leader's Comments on the Topic

Prayer: (for harmony within the local
church and the church throughout the
world.)

Special Music: Instrumental trio or duet

Discussion of the Topic

Closing Hymn: *In Christ There Is No
East Or West*

Biblical Benediction

Publicity

Obtain a picture of The Lord's Supper which portrays Jesus and the disciples in the upper room partaking of the Lord's Supper. Hang it in a conspicuous place with an eye-catching caption about the coming Christian Endeavor meeting. *Jesus invites you to have supper with Him or Will you join us on World-Wide Communion Sunday?* If you can't find a picture of the Lord's Supper perhaps you can find a picture of an orchestra or even of your school band. You could use the question, *Will you play in God's great harmony?* under or above the picture.

For the Leader

In your Christian Endeavor meeting try to catch the spirit of harmony to the extent that you share your Christian Endeavor activities with other groups. There may be differences in your culture, nationality, race, or environment; break through all this with oneness of faith and purpose remembering that God is no respecter of persons (See Acts 10:34).

Different musical instruments might be used to illustrate how the same instruments can produce either harmony or discord.

A football player might illustrate the

Our Aims

1. To help the Junior Highs to see that God's plan for man is for harmony in all his relationships.
2. To create within each Junior High the desire to unite with Christ and the Church. This includes the fellowship of Communion with Christians throughout the world.
3. To help Junior Highs find a place in the local church; to work constructively with other Christians for Christ and His Church.

Scripture lesson by showing the need for coordination of different parts of the body in order to make a play succeed.

You can suggest to the Junior Highs that God's harmony begins in their hearts and then spreads out into the Church as they live harmoniously with the other Junior Highs for Christ and the Church.

Introduction to the Topic

If we were asked to define the word *harmony*, our answer would probably be something like this, "a systematic arrangement of parts effecting the agreement of the parts into a harmonious whole." Sometimes a word is more easily understood when its contrast is noted. Harmony is the opposite of discord.

We can hardly imagine what it would be like to have the world live in harmony; there is so much unrest. In Genesis 2:31 we read that "God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good." So there was harmony at the time of the creation of the world by God. The harmony became discord when sin entered the world. Sin made chaos out of the beautiful harmony that had existed. So in his natural state, man is out of tune with God. In order to have harmony restored something had to be done to remove the chaos and restore harmony. Idealists speak of the "brotherhood of man" and to accom-

plish it one must simply cast aside the prejudices which are obstructing the road to harmony. By casting these aside all the existing problems would be solved. Harmony cannot be restored by trying to reform mankind, by convincing him to change his mind and all will be well. Harmony can only be restored if man can be convinced that his basic principles by which he lives, his convictions regarding his relationship to God, must be such that Jesus Christ controls every area in his life. Then, and only then can harmony be restored, not alone between the individual and God, but between all mankind and God. For as long as man is content to live apart from God, he is out of harmony with God and cannot live harmoniously. Harmony can only be found when God is directing the hearts and affairs of men and of nations; it cannot be done by man himself.

Explanation of the Bible Passage

The Apostle Paul compares the Church with the human body. The different members of the body still compose only one body. By baptism we are baptized into the same body and by participation in Communion as we have done today or are doing today with Christians all over the world, we are all members of one Body, in Christ. Jew or Gentile, bond or free, regardless of color, nationality, or station in life, we are all members of one Body if we are Christians.

Each member has his particular job in the body. Just as every member of the human body cannot perform the same office, so in the mystical body each member has his particular office to fulfill. The various parts of the natural body contribute to its usefulness, so also the members of the Body of Christ's Church;

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all the members are necessary and perform a useful function regarding the whole. God has a place for each one.

Paul goes on to say that those who excel in any way cannot say that they have no need of the one who does not excel in that particular function. The members of the natural body are made to have a care and concern for one another. So should it be in Christ's Body, the Church. Christian sympathy, understanding, cooperation, and zeal wisely directed will go far to establish harmonious relationships within the church and the world.

Application of the Topic

This is World-Wide Communion Sunday. Its name explains its wide scope. Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as his Saviour and is witnessing to that fact, should be a participant in this glorious event. Communion suggests fellowship. The fellowship of the Lord's Supper is a unique fellowship. There is room at the Lord's table for all His saints. The *family* that gathered around the table in your church may have been many or few, depending upon the size of your particular fellowship. The *family* that gathered around the Lord's table throughout the world is great in number. Though invisible as a complete body yet it functions as such for wherever the saints meet in communion, there is the Church. There is its existence. This thought is summed up in Ephesians 4:5, where Paul says "One Lord, one faith, one baptism."

Though as a unit the Church may be far removed from one another, still it operates under one Head, namely Jesus Christ. It is moving toward the time when the Church as a unit will be gathered Home where harmony and unity will be complete and beautiful in its perfectness. Until that time comes, the Church must continue on earth to be true to its purpose which can only be accomplished insofar as its members, different in race, nationality, talents, training, and temperament unite in God's great harmony, under Jesus Christ, its Head, working and praying together that Christ's kingdom may come.

Harmony in the Church at Work

The Church has many duties and responsibilities which its membership with differences regarding talents, interests, aptitudes, environments, and personalities carries on. If each one will do his part, the particular work which he can

Questions for Discussion

1. Just what is meant by our topic title "In God's Great Harmony"?
2. How does one become a part of God's great harmony?
3. When one has become a part of God's great harmony, how can one persevere in it?
4. Are there evidences of God's great harmony in the Church today? If so, what are they?
5. What can we do to increase the harmony of God in the militant Church throughout the world?

do, there will be no work left undone. If the preacher preaches Christ, the teacher teaches Christ, the organist uses his musical ability for Christ, and the choir sings in harmony for the glory of God, the harmony of which our topic speaks would be present in the Church. Then too, if the Christian Endeavor society carries on for Christ and the Church with harmony of purpose and procedure, and with the unity that one finds in Christ, the result must be one harmonious fellowship for the glory of God. What an impact the Church would make upon the world if each member of the Church Universal worked zealously and harmoniously for the Lord.

For the Counselor

You might like to get the various members to each take a phase of "God's great harmony" and enlarge upon it and show how harmoniously God created all things.

1. The Universe: Sun, moon, and stars. These are separate entities created and held up in space each in its own position by the mighty Hand of God. Surely, "the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth His handywork" (Psalm 91:1).

2. Nature: Have you ever held a tiny seed in the palm of your hand and examined it closely before tucking it down into the earth to germinate? Have you wondered about the potential powers locked up in the tiny seed? Perhaps it was transformed into a nourishing vegetable or a beautiful flower. We marvel at the miracle of plant life; it is all a part of God's great harmony.

Have you ever looked down into the very heart of a flower? If not, find a blossoming plant and gaze long and deeply into the center of its being and find there the imprint of the Hand of

God. What beautiful harmony of form and color is reflected there.

3. The Seasons: God in His infinite love and grace has sent us Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter. All four seasons, each in its proper place, contributes its unique gift for the good of the whole. The earth has its productive time and also a period of rest. Surely, this is another example of God's great harmony.

4. The Animal Kingdom: These have also come from the Hand of God and have been placed under the dominion of man. Some of them have been created to produce products which man needs for sustenance, such as milk, meat, and related products. Each makes his contribution to God's harmonious plan.

5. Man: God created man as a living soul. Man is God's crowning creation having been made a little lower than the angels, and crowned with glory and honor (Psalm 8:5). Man was meant to live in God's great harmony, and although marred by sin may be restored and become a part of God's great harmony. This can be accomplished by accepting the atonement Jesus has made for us.

In God's Great Harmony

O Spirit of the living God,
Whom now by faith I see;
Include me, even me, I pray,
In Thy great harmony.

I know I cannot serve Thee, Lord,
In swelling symphony;
But use me, even me, I plead,
In Thy great harmony.

I'll sing the simplest hymn of praise,
In deep humility;
Accept, O Lord, my humble work
In Thy great harmony.

And in these years of service, Lord,
May someone bow the knee
To Jesus Christ, because I told
Of Thy great harmony.

O Lord, take all I am and have,
I'll serve Thee, only Thee;
Help me to strive to bring souls in
To Thy great harmony.

By Kate Vanderberg

Daily Bible Readings

- M. Sept. 30 Christ's Prayer for Unity John 17:20-26
T. Oct. 1 An Exhortation to Unity I Corinthians 3:3-9
W. Oct. 2 One in Christ Galatians 3:22-25
T. Oct. 3 A United Witness Acts 2:41-47
F. Oct. 4 The Unity of the Spirit Ephesians 4:1-6
S. Oct. 5 United at His Table I Corinthians 10:16-17
Sun. Oct. 6—Topic: In God's Great Harmony I Corinthians 12:12-27
(World-Wide Communion Sunday)

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Topic 1 in a Unit: Our Witness for Christ

Witnessing--a Responsibility

Acts 1:1-11

Suggested Program

Prayer Service
Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17
Hymns: *I Love to Tell the Story; Lord Speak to Me, that I May Speak; Saved to Tell Others*
Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6
Prayer by a Junior High
Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*
Topic Presentation: Small Group Discussion or Bible Study
Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*
Benediction: Ephesians 3:20,21

When You Plan — the Counselor

Your greatest asset in planning an interesting series of two meetings relating to our Witness for Christ will be a few enthusiastic Junior Highs with ideas to contribute and an eager willingness to help in and promote your program of worship, discussion, and action. The interest of some Junior Highs may be stirred by the emphasis which many churches place on church loyalty and evangelism during October.

Of course, not all ideas will work in all situations. Much depends on the leader and the Junior Highs, and on their own past experiences and present frame of mind. This topic presentation is geared to small group discussion. This approach will enable everyone to participate. In small groups we become more sensitive to one another's feelings and opinions. If your society has little disposition for discussion, you will want to spend more time on reports, stories, Bible study, and other program features.

The Center of Our Concern

The central purpose of this presentation is to show some directions in which you may go to reach these goals:

1. A growing awareness on the part of Junior Highs for the importance of bearing responsibility to witness for Christ in their local church and community.
2. A growing realization for and acceptance by Junior Highs of their responsibility for Christian witness in everyday life.

Possibilities to Consider

1. Small group discussion or a panel discussion or a combination of both.
2. Buzz groups. A buzz session calls for discussion of one key question or topic in groups of about six persons, followed by a report from each buzz group to the total group.

to the Leader

Your job is to confront the group with

Biblical background; to help Junior Highs reflect upon how Christian witness can be carried on at their own doorstep and in their personal lives; and to challenge them as Christians to their specific responsibility to obey the command of Christ to witness for Him.

You will find some questions here which Junior Highs may ask or you may ask them. As you read and study your Bible, you will often substitute your own questions because some other line of thinking may impress you or your own experience may lead you in a different direction. Use questions to stimulate discussion. Good questions may not always be answered by a mere "Yes" or "No."

Information which Junior Highs have on personal evangelism may be fragmentary and incorrect. Take care to correct false ideas with a Bible study. When a subject foreign to the topic comes up in the discussion, suggest that it be listed for later consideration. If there is a lag, call on the members of your society by name to express their opinions.

The Scripture Story

The Scripture for this topic describes the early Christians as witnesses. In the beginning, the church was centered at Jerusalem. But as a result of the persecution which arose following the stoning of Stephen, the Christians were scattered throughout the whole of that portion of the Roman Empire. And wherever the Christians went, they preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This was not an organized effort of high-pressure salesmen channeling information through machines. Here we have individual Christians sharing with their neighbors the meaning of Christ for them.

The remarkable ministry of Philip in Samaria is given as an example of the way in which these early Christians went everywhere preaching the Gospel. As a result of this personal witnessing for Christ, Christian cells were established in all the major centers of the Roman world. (Read Acts 8:4-8.)

Jesus is our example as we witness and work for Him in our Christian Endeavor society. How did Jesus witness and work? When we go to the New Testament and see how Jesus brought men to Himself, we make a very astonishing discovery. Jesus, in all His public ministry, usually appealed to individuals. He was going to men, here and there, preaching



to congregations often made up simply of one person. There were times when He deliberately left the crowd, as at Jericho, and went away to talk with one, lone, lost soul.

The church at Ephesus started through the three years work of the Apostle Paul. Paul was passing through the territory of Galatia and was taken sick, and from his bed preached the Gospel, and the church was organized there.

Each Christian Is Called

A man who has a homestead and develops a ranch, or has purchased and worked a farm may come to view the result to be wholly due to his own skill, labor, and devotion. A man who invents a machine and becomes wealthy may come to think of himself as a "self-made" man. The truth is that the land was loaned by God; the skills and abilities were granted by God. This great truth is not always apparent to all of us.

We labor to keep the church a place of comfort, coziness, and convenience. We sacrifice to maintain and extend it. It is natural to come to think of the church as our own as we invite others to join it. The most important thing of all is often forgotten. We have no church at all by right of invention, discovery, or works. We are elected to it, called to it. The church is God's doing, not ours.

This truth is continuously affirmed in the New Testament. See John 15:16; Acts 2:41-47; Romans 11:5-7; I Peter 2:9,10; John 17:2,3. The church is called to witness to Jesus Christ. When? Right now! Where? Everywhere—where you live, at home, and to the ends of the earth! Why? That the work of Christ may be continued!

Hundreds of years ago, standing on the shore of the lake, there were some young men fishing. Jesus said to them,

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"Follow me." They pulled in their boats, left their nets; and went after Him.

This can happen today. You do not have to have a pulpit to witness to Christ. The Twelve obeyed the call and went out, and so did the Seventy. Each Christian is called to be a witness to Christ.

For Discussion

(Choose the ones that will be of special interest to your society.)

1. Consider the verses of the first chapter of Acts. What is meant by being a witness? Do you think the writer of Acts would have had a feeling of helplessness in the face of modern space achievements? Does your witness for Christ rise and fall with what you read in the papers or see on television? As you discuss the news with your friends, does your emotional reaction to it fill them with a sense of lostness, uncertainty, or does it turn their minds in confidence toward Christ who reigns with grace and truth?

2. What responsibility do we have as followers of Christ? Christ commands us to be His witnesses. Are we obedient to the command of Christ? "I think I'll stay; I like a lunch," a Junior High girl said flippantly before a service of Holy Communion. Had her church failed her in any way? How? Do you study the Bible and read the material from your church literature table?

3. How can we help other Junior Highs to love the church and feel a responsibility to witness for Christ? Do our attitudes toward the minister and other leaders in the church have an effect upon others? "Gee, what a boring service today; the sermon was too long," exclaimed one Junior High. Criticisms of personnel and programs of the church undermines its influence with others more than is realized.

4. An Invitation to Loyalty. There is a warm invitation for us to become part of that larger family where we are sons of the Father, God, together with Christ our Brother. (Read John 15:9-17.) Within this family there is a bond of loyalty whereby the Father's purposes are accomplished. What are some of the tests of that loyalty?

We can attain to this relationship through the obedience of love. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). What was the new commandment which Jesus gave? What does it mean for us in the conduct of our daily lives, at home and among our friends? In our churches? In our community?

How does this question of Jesus to

Peter, "Simon, do you love me?" point to Jesus' desire to be our friend and brother? Is this question the crucial test determining our personal loyalty as His followers, in thought and action, as His friend and brother? Can we show any hesitation in saying, "Lord, you know that I love you"?

5. Expressions of Loyalty. The spread of Christianity has always depended upon the dedication and loyalty of its followers. Read the parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-20). Jesus told this parable to increase the effectiveness of His teaching and attract, as well as test His disciples. He knew that the outcome of teaching is hearing. What is the significance of the varying yields of the soil? In what ways can we foster our receptiveness to Christ?

The calling of the disciples (Matthew 10:1-4) marked the founding of an eternal spiritual Kingdom. Did the disciples hesitate to follow Jesus? Read Mark 1:16-20 and Luke 9:1-6. What do you consider the most difficult aspects of being a Christian?

Obedying God can mean sacrifice or adversity. These passages give one of the most often repeated sayings of Jesus: read Mark 8:35; John 12:25; compare Luke 9:24 with Matthew 10:39. Do some of us lack the courage to be good witnesses for Christ? Are we willing to take a positive approach rather than a negative silent one when Christian principles are assailed? In such matters we set *some* kind of example for others. When we receive the "tap on the shoulder," as Peter Marshall described the Master's call, can we refuse?

Christ was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross (Philippians 2:1-16). Discuss Matthew 18:1-4.

6. A Living Witness in Our Community. Christian Endeavor societies have built up loyalty and dedication to the church and the cause of Christ. Many have come to love it. The church is the only fellowship in the world dedicated to the vision of life Jesus gave to the world—to Christian love, inspiration, worship, belongingness, and service. (Read I Corinthians 12:12-31.)

Ask the society to consider some of the reasons for people's lack of loyalty to the church. Have you witnessed family splits because of differing religious loyalties? What if part of the family is very religious and the other not? Give other examples and discuss ways of dealing with them.

What special and helpful services can you offer your church? Witnessing for Christ begins with us and must be car-

ried out through us. We ought always remember the deep compassion of Christ for people. A great German, Lessing said, "Compassion is the noblest quality in human nature." Why is the Christian concerned to tell all people the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ? (Read Matthew 25:40.)

7. "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." If we are to fulfill God's expectations of us, we must make room for the Spirit of the living Christ to lodge within our hearts. Only by knowing the whole story of the life of Christ, and by being grateful for Him as God's great Gift toward us, can we open our lives to Him. As Christ lives within us, He leads us into doing the will of God. This we do joyfully, in faith and love. The life of Christ reveals the secret of prayer, faith, love and service, and brotherhood and eternal life. Christ is the truth of God for man, the world, and all of life.

Summary

Every program needs to be brought together in a summary statement. Such a statement can be made by the counselor, the leader, or an alert Junior High member.

Pull together what you consider the highlights of the panel speeches, discussions, and reports. Point out that we cannot just "stand pat" and "sit tight" while the world seethes with change and chaos. Frankly point out the need to witness for Christ and where Junior Highs can strengthen their witness for Him.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Oct. 7	Witnessing with Power	Matthew 28:16-20
T. Oct. 8	Witnessing at Home	Mark 5:15-20
W. Oct. 9	Witnessing to Every Creature	Mark 16:14-19
T. Oct. 10	Witnessing among All Nations	Luke 24:45-48
F. Oct. 11	Faithful Witnesses	Acts 5:22-25
S. Oct. 12	Ready to Witness	I Peter 3:14-16
Sun. Oct. 13	Topic: Witnessing—a Responsibility	Acts 1:1-8

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Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 60c each, \$6 per dozen, \$48 per hundred.

Witnessing--a Privilege

Isaiah 43:1-13



Suggested Program

Prayer Service
Hymn: (Quiet Music)
Worship: Let us love the Lord
with all our hearts, with all our minds,
and with all our strength.
Hymns: *Holy, Holy, Holy; Trusting
in Thee; Glorious Things of Thee Are
Spoken*
Prayer by a Junior High
Lord's Prayer
Scripture (in unison): Psalm 121
Group Discussion or Bible Study
Prayer
Hymn: *I'll Go Where You Want Me to
Go*
Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

Suggested Approaches

I. SMALL GROUP STUDY

Divide the society into several small
groups. Ask each to consider some of
the questions which follow and then
report their ideas for general discussion.
Illustrate with concrete examples from
everyday life.

Our witness is a loving and willing
response to what God has done for us
in Jesus Christ. Some often ask, "What
is God?" "Who made God?" "Did He
make the universe?" Love of God and
trust in Him as revealed in Jesus Christ
is of supreme importance to all Chris-
tians. See Matthew 22:37,38.

Junior Highs have the privilege to
bear witness to God. Thomas Carlyle
said, "Conviction is useless till it is con-
verted into action." Jonathan Edwards
spoke of Christian witness as "that evi-
dence which confirms every other indi-
cation of true godliness."

Our relationship and witness for Christ
should be one of confidence and joy. As
we seek God's will as it is made known
to us through Christ, we come more and
more to love, worship, and revere Him
who loves us with constancy.

CONSIDER:

1. God's purposes for the world are
to be achieved through us. We are called
to be His witnesses. What are the major
causes of world suffering which the
church, through us and all its members
are working to remove?

2. How does Colossians 3:12-17 and
Romans 12 speak to us in witnessing to
Christ?

II. BIBLE STUDY PERIOD

Step 1. This is a Bible study and not
a lecture period. Each person should

have his Bible. Then announce the study
passage or passages. You should have
at least three study groups. Secure a
leader for each group. Meet with them
and plan your goals.

Step 2. The leader should:

1. Allow time for silent reading and
reflection, then ask a general question
such as, "What does this passage
say?"

2. Ask whether any portions were
not clear, then encourage free discus-
sion.

3. Use suggested discussion ques-
tions as starters.

4. Strive for honest digging and
searching for God's will.

5. The leader draws the comments
together. Assign someone to report for
the group. Make a summary state-
ment tying together implications of
Bible passages and our Christian wit-
ness today.

Step 3. Here are some suggested areas
for study:

Area A. The nature of the Gospel
calls for witness.

(Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 1:1-5;
Romans 1:1-16; Colossians 1:9-18).

Discussion questions:

What does this passage say about the
good news? How does rapid change
affect the urgency of our witness? Is it
our job only to increase the number of
church members? If not, what else? Is
our home community the place to "Go
therefore . . ."? What should the Gospel
mean to us?

Area B. The nature of the Church
calls for witness.

(Acts 16:9-13; Romans 10:14,15;
Acts 4:8-13; Acts 16:22-32).

Discussion questions:

What is the church? (Acts 4:32; Acts
11:26; Acts 2:37-47; Mark 1:14-18).
What was the beginning of the church?
Give other New Testament names for
the early Christians.

Area C. The nature of discipleship
calls for witness.

(Matthew 7:13-23; Matthew 10:5-42;
Luke 9:57-62; Acts 26:19-25).

Discussion questions:

What did Jesus mean by saying, "Fol-
low me"? Are we called to be disciples?
Does being a church member make one
a Christian? What is our witness today?

Step 4. Reports from Discussion
Groups.

Step 5. Summary Statement.

III. SUGGESTED COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

A. Inquire when your church is plan-
ning its evangelistic emphasis, and vol-
unteer to help find prospects to bring
other Junior Highs to Christ. Make plans
to be a part of the total witness of your
church.

B. One of the increasing challenges
of the church is the evangelization of
new communities and new housing proj-
ects which are growing up all around
us. Here is a new field of witness open
to us. A survey may be conducted to
discover good prospects and possible
prospects. Then, too, there are youth in
every community who have never really
been confronted with Christ in a way
which will draw their allegiance. Many
youth need a feeling of personal worth
and value which only can come from
knowing God as Father and Christ as
Saviour.

C. Work on a Sketchbook by present-
ing witnesses to Christ from the Bible,
church history, and Christian experience.
Present these persons as real persons
rather than shadowy figures of the past.
Some suggestions are Eckhart, Savona-
rola, Erasmus, Constantine, Francis of
Assisi, William Carey, Jane Addams, and
so on.

D. A Hall of Fame display may be
a project for publicity. For example, a
display on Toyohiko Kagawa might in-
clude: a Japanese sketch or object, a
world globe to suggest Kagawa's world-
wide renown, one of his books or poems,
or a book about him.

Or you may select a person from your
church if your group is very creative.
Or you may select someone in your com-
munity who exemplifies Christian wit-
ness and commitment.

IV. WHAT DO YOU THINK? (For Discussion)

1. How did persecutions help spread
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the good news of Christ? Do good listeners make good witnesses? How should we listen to the Gospel of Christ? What are some things a Christian should stand for?

2. A Junior High said of another person in his community, "He is a nice fellow, but the trouble with him is that he doesn't stand for anything?" When this is true it is sad. A Christian has the glorious privilege to witness to God's great act of love towards us in Jesus Christ. The great preacher, John Henry Jowett, said, "Let us remember that Jesus is greater than anything we have ever said of Him." The Christian has the rare privilege to stand for things which are so much greater than anyone.

We can stand for the Gospel, we can represent Christ, we can impart truth, we can exalt Christ.

3. What do you think about reading at home each day some of the words of Jesus, discussing what they mean and how they might be followed by the various members of the family? A Christian family accepts the truth of Jesus' teaching.

Apply this to the church. If we are doubtful, whether or not Jesus taught as truly about God's will, we have not yet become His followers. We are still weighing whether or not we believe and want to follow Him.

4. A boy was trying to decide what "being a Christian" meant; he said it meant "being civilized". But Christianity is not merely a synonym for civilization. It is the faith that in Jesus Christ we have the true and highest revelation of the character of God known to man. So we should witness at all times and in all places with authority—not timidly and tentatively—the truth of Jesus Christ.

Our Bible presents God in the noblest language man understands. God is creative, intelligent, love, mercy, goodness, and eternal power. He is Creator, righteous Sovereign of the universe, Redeemer, and loving Father of us all. The phrase "Our Father" points out the deep place God holds in our lives.

We are witnesses because we have been "allowed" to be. "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," said Jesus. Answering the call of God is not assuming a drudgery but receiving an honor.

5. Do you think that much of the insecurity of modern life rests upon doubt

How Can I Witness for Christ?

- _____ By telling others about Christ
- _____ By inviting others to Church
- _____ By defending its ideals
- _____ By sharing the work of the Church
- _____ By loving my fellowman
- _____ By making my faith real
- _____ By leading an active Christian life
- _____ By consecrating my social activities to Christ

about who God is and what is really true and worth supreme dedication? Does one have to abandon faith in God in order to keep a reputation for open-mindedness?

The meeting of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the Sychar well is a gem of beauty and truth. Here is a Samaritan woman kept from the eternal truths of God for two well-established reasons: she was a woman and she was a Samaritan. Immediately Jesus broke these tradition-bound barriers. Her spiritual life demanded it, and she responded. In her joy, she left her water-pot and hastened to the village that her friends might share her new-found hope.

6. Is it possible for a person to avoid communicating to others his real beliefs about life? about God? Is there such a thing as "letting things alone and they will work themselves out"? Are there others deciding about Christ and the church all along as they observe you in daily life? How can we strengthen our faith? Does the Gospel say: "God loves you so much that you can do as you please, with never a price to pay?" Is this really good news?

The prophet dared to be different. The prophet resisted the pressure to let others do his thinking and acting. When forced to choose between the nation and God, he took God and dropped the nation. His faith in God was his life. It began with an act of surrender, "Here I am! Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8).

Isaiah gave expression to the coming of a peaceful world in which there would be knowledge of God's ways and righteousness among men. This would happen with the power of a sure faith in God who created the earth and has not lost control of what he has made. The message of Isaiah went deep, which was later captured and interpreted by Jesus in His life, death, and resurrection.

Go, Junior Highs, Go!

Evangelism is *not* the responsibility of the minister alone. We, too, are called to share the good news with others. We cannot call ourselves Christians until we make determined efforts to GO in everyday life to witness for Christ.

We sometimes like to regard the teachings of Jesus as "beautiful ideals" which can be successfully applied at some future date when mankind has reached a higher stage of development. The dawn will dawn only when Christians witness now, today, in the world, at any sacrifice, placing as Jesus did their hope in the faithfulness of God.

"For the love of Christ constrained . . . one has died for all; therefore we have died." II Corinthians 5:4ff. The purpose of Christ's death was not only to save men from sin, but to make them willing, devoted servants of a living, risen Christ. As we receive the riches of God's gift, we grow in our capacity to witness to Christ and lead others to Him as Lord and Saviour.

The most effective witnesses are found in everyday places doing everyday things. The communists have made headway in the world because they go all out to spread their ideas in the market place.

What Kind of Witness Do I Make?

- At church
- At school
- At work
- At play
- In the family car
- With the family

Daily Bible Readings

M. Oct. 14	Witnessing through Praise	Psalm 107:1
T. Oct. 15	Witnessing to His Greatness	Isaiah 12:1
W. Oct. 16	Witnessing with Boldness	Acts 4:13
T. Oct. 17	Witnessing to Our Faith	II Corinthians 4:11
F. Oct. 18	Not Alone in Our Witness	Acts 18:5
S. Oct. 19	Willing Witness	Psalm 66:16-17
Sun. Oct. 20—Topic:	Witnessing—a Privilege	Isaiah 43:1-12

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Faith Is the Victory

I John 5:1-5

(Reformation Sunday)

Suggested Program

Prayer Service
Song to Worship: Psalm 107:8
Verses: *Only Believe; Are Ye Able, Said the Master; Faith of Our Fathers; Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*
Prayer: After singing *Living for Jesus*
Announcements and Offering
Scripture: I John 5:1-5
Training: Four talks by "coaches"
Action: Four talks with diagrams
Problems for Team Captains
Problems for Teams
Penitence Prayers
Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Benediction

Publicity

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Make large posters showing gaily colored goal posts on a football field. On the football, going over the ball, print *FAITH*. Between the posts print *the Victory*. Beneath letter date, time, and place of the program.

CENTER OF INTEREST: You will need a diagram of a football field to use in presenting the program. Prepare this a week ahead of time so that the display will create interest in your program. You may draw the diagram on a chalkboard or on paper stretched across the wall.

ATTENDANCE TEAMS: Appoint two team captains, and divide the membership list and prospect list into two teams. Have a contest to see which team can have the most players present for the program.

Training

(Ask four "coaches" to present the training sessions. If you wish, they may dress appropriately in practice clothes, with whistles around their necks and footballs in their hands. The same four, or four others, may present the "Action" session.)

Most victory does not come easily. Everyone wants to win. In most cases victory comes to the team that is willing to work hard and practice faithfully, even to the point of sacrifice. This is the reason for our training sessions. We could send you out on the field to scrimmage today. But you will be better players, in the long run, if you know something about the history of the game. Now, you know you're not here just to learn all this about football. But this

Our Aim

To examine the ways in which our faith is strengthened and the precepts which our Christian faith must encompass.

is an appropriate season to make such a comparison. Every Christian must have faith. We have faith, of course, when we accept Christ as our Saviour. But it may be a simple, trusting, childlike faith. As time goes on, we shall have to meet adversity, questioning, doubt, criticism. We shall have to make difficult decisions based on our faith. Through all this we are in training. If we can develop a mature, unwavering faith, then we can win victory over this world.

It will help us be more effective and active church members if we know something of the history of our faith. We want to note particularly that this is Reformation Sunday, the anniversary of the day Luther nailed his theses to the church door. Those who called themselves the church had become corrupt and sinful. They preached doctrines set up by men. They took upon themselves powers reserved for God. Martin Luther in his bold move demanded a return to the authority of the Scriptures and the sovereignty of Jesus Christ. This is the basis of our faith today.

(At this point the "coach" may call on two people for further information. He may ask a student to give a report on Martin Luther and other all-time greats of the Reformation movement. He may call on the minister to report on the history of your own congregation.)

2. You will be asked, as a team of players, not only to study the game itself and practice regularly, but to observe certain rules in your personal life. We cannot tolerate bad habits, which would undermine your strength and stamina. We must insist on proper sleep, proper food, regular participation in practice.

As a Christian looking for victory over sin, you will also find such rules a necessity as you strengthen your faith day by day. "Love not the world," John tells us, "neither the things that are in the world. . . . For all that is in the world,



the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (I John 2:15, 16). We must avoid harmful habits even more diligently than the player in training, for they would stand between us and the victory. We must choose our food and exercise for its value in keeping us healthy and working in Christ's kingdom, not for its appeal to our appetite and pleasure. This is the training that is required for the strengthening of faith. "There is therefore now no condemnation to those which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:1).

3. I have come to talk to you about your equipment. There is certain equipment which you must wear for every practice session. It is designed for your safety. Additional equipment and uniforms will be provided for the league games.

Now, what about the Christian who desires victory over this world? His equipment is even more important. A damaged soul is more serious than a broken arm. "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked" (Ephesians 6:16).

As for a uniform, we find ourselves clothed in grace. It is the grace freely given to us by Jesus in return for our acceptance of Him as Lord. There is nothing we do, really, to earn or win such a uniform. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

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4. I want to stress to you the necessity of attendance at our regular practice sessions. Your understanding of the game and your preparation for it is important. But it will be useless unless you put such knowledge into action. You must learn to pass the ball, receive the ball, run with the ball. You must practice the signals.

Thus a Christian may have an understanding of the church and of theology. He is freely given the uniform of grace. But he must do something about all this if his faith is to develop into victory. "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: . . . for whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (I John 5:3, 4). We know God's commandments. They will keep us busy doing for others, teaching, preaching, winning, working.

Action

1. Now we must consider our action on the field, and get in some practice. Perhaps it sounds silly when I say: Know your goal. You would be surprised how many teams lose valuable points by forgetting which goal is theirs. (Show on the field diagram which team has each goal.)

The Christian must remain steadfast in his aim toward the victory that overcomes the world. There may be times when he places intermediate goals in the way. If these are appropriate, and strengthen his way, they are all right. If they are distracting or worldly, he should eliminate them as goals, aiming only for victory over sin.

2. You can never be really successful in the game unless you can gain ground yard by yard. (If possible, show on the diagram some plays that gain ground for a team.) It is hard work. You might get hurt. You may have to sacrifice yourself to distract guards from the player who carries the ball.

The Christian must recognize that most of living will consist of this slow movement toward the goal. He can not expect every day to provide spectacular action. He must follow the day-to-day details, work hard, sacrifice. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for" (Hebrews 11:1). It grows as we work and study and come to know Christ and God's Word better.

3. We are going to practice some defensive plays. (If possible, dia-

gram some action designed to stop the other team from moving down the field.) There are sure to be times when the other team will have the ball. We must know how to stop them, how to get the ball back for ourselves.

The Christian must recognize that there are times when sin and evil will make progress. The test of his faith is whether he can stand against them and not be overcome. We must learn defensive action against these influences. We must learn not just to ignore them, but to oppose them and banish them. Our faith will grow as we learn to overcome evil.

4. While gaining ground slowly and surely is the tried-and-true method of winning, a spectacular offensive play is a help now and then. Let's set up a forward pass (show on diagram). Or a hand-off that leads to a long run. Sometimes events will happen that will increase our faith immeasurably. Perhaps it is an event in which we see God's direct influence on our lives. In other cases, we may have an opportunity to witness. (Ask members of the audience to give personal testimony of such events in their lives.)

Problems for Team Captains

Choose two team captains. Ask each one to give an answer to each question. Then ask for audience discussion.

1. You think your players could do better if everyone read the Bible every day. How can you get them to do it?

2. You hear some players, after science class, express doubts about God and the Bible. What would you tell them?

3. One of the members of your team was killed in an accident. The others are shocked and inconsolable. It could be a step forward, or backward, in strengthening their faith. What can you say to them?

4. You know your team members have been thinking they can't win. People keep telling them there is no God, no heaven. What can you do to make them interested in victory again? How can you change their attitude?

Problems for Teams

Divide into four teams. Give each team one of these problems. Ask the captain to summarize their discussion for the group.

1. You know that some of the teams you play are making betting pools on the scores. What action is right for play-

ers who want to overcome sin? Re- to play these teams? Make this kn edge public?

2. While we must strive to gain victory that overcomes the world, we do not earn our salvation. How we get salvation? What is grace?

3. Do you think your faith is str enough not to be shaken by adv events? Suppose you lost all your fa and all your money? Suppose you an incurable disease?

4. You are playing a team tha known for breaking training rules being sloppy in uniform, but they extremely well. Would you expect to because of these things? How is fa sin in the world sometimes like this?

Alternate Development

If you have used a football theme a recent program, you will want to develop this program in some other way. You might try the beloved "cross crown" symbol. Place the crown on the cross, and print "Victory" across. In front of the cross, draw the shield. Faith. Show these at the end of a l road. Develop the topic according to idea of traveling along the road, keep in training, dressing appropriately, clearing ground, reaching the goal.

Committee Assignments

SOCIAL: The social committee might ca through the theme with a "goal post" p sometime soon. Choose one of the t from this program to repeat for devoti at the party.

LOOKOUT: The team-attendance cont suggested under publicity, would give committee an opportunity to contact sentees and prospects.

DEVOTIONAL: Books and pamphlets on fa and on the Reformation, would be suita for this theme. Assemble those availa from the church library, and encour members in outside reading.

MISSIONARY: The faith demonstrated great missionaries is one of the best amples of that which overcomes the wo. Ask some of the committee members to port on individual missionaries who g powerful demonstrations of faith in acti

Daily Bible Readings

M. Oct. 21 The Work of God John 6:27
T. Oct. 22 The Need for Faith

Hebrews 11:1

W. Oct. 23 Saved by Grace Ephesians 2:1

T. Oct. 24 Conquerors through Christ

Romans 8:31

F. Oct. 25 Victory through Faith

Romans 3:20

S. Oct. 26 The Rewards of Victory

Revelation 21:1

Sun. Oct. 27—Topic: Faith Is the Victory

I John 5:1

(Reformation Sunday)

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THE LOOKOUT

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

"In Remembrance of Me"

Matthew 26:17-30

(World-Wide Communion Sunday)



Suggested Program

Prayer Service
 1 to Worship: I Corinthians 11:23-28
 Hymns: *Living for Jesus; Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
 Announcements and Offering
 Hymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
 Prayer: (By person who has been designated before the beginning of the program)
 Topic Presentation:
 Leader's Introduction
 Scripture Reading and Hymn Time
 "Spell Down"
 Discussion Period
 Counselor's Recapitulation
 Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
 Epiphany Benediction

Publicity

Prepare and mail to each member and prospective member a flyer made in the shape of a communion cup with the words, "What does this mean?" Include also the time for and place of the meeting. On the preceding week place on the bulletin board a large, foil cutout in the shape of a chalice on which have been placed the words: "Remember next Sunday's topic—*In Remembrance of Me.*" A cardboard cutout of a hand with the index finger extended and tied with a string may be used instead of the cup.

Leader's Introduction

The time of Jesus' departure from the earth was at hand. The awful weight of the sins of the world was heavy upon Him. He calmly assembled together the innermost circle of His disciples for the institution of a memorial, which, through the centuries has been the spiritual rallying point of His followers. This memorial supper brings us into fellowship with Christ's disciples, the earliest Christians, the martyrs, great reformers, missionaries, and present-day Christians of every color, race, and nation. The communion service is the most enduring and widespread religious observance the world has ever known.

What makes it so important? It is a divine institution, an ordinance appointed by the Head of the Church. The last

supper had been eaten, and Jesus was about to go to the agony of Gethsemane. Judas was engaged in completing the betrayal. The shadow of the cross was gathering. Under these solemn circumstances, with wonderful calmness and self-possession, Jesus instituted the Lord's supper which has been observed for more than nineteen hundred years and will continue to be observed until the end of time. We must never forget that this was not a human enactment, but a divine ordination. God chose this means to appeal to our senses, to bring us constantly back to remembrance of that matchless sacrifice of Calvary.

On this World-Wide Communion Sunday it is appropriate for us to review the main episodes in the life of Christ and to rethink our basic Christian beliefs, those cardinal truths which we hold in common with all earnest followers of Christ around the world.

Scripture Reading and Hymn Time

READER: "And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:4-7). Hymn (one stanza, by entire group):

Joy to the World

READER: "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbeus, whose surname was Thaddeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence" (Matthew 10:1-11). Hymn (one stanza, by entire group):

Jesus Calls Us

READER: "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19, 20).

Solo: *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

READER: "And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him. And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly

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estly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation" (Luke 22:39-46).

Hymn (one stanza, by entire group):
'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow

READER: "When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst" (John 19:13-18).

Solo: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

READER: "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Matthew 28:1-6).

Hymn (one stanza, by entire group):
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

READER: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:19, 20).

Hymn (one stanza, by entire group):
Jesus Shall Reign

"Spell Down"

Pick two persons to serve as team captains. They, in turn, will select one-by-one members of the audience to serve on their teams. A question is asked of the first person in the line. If he cannot answer he goes to the "foot of the line," and the question is asked of the first person on the opposing team. The following definitions of terms and questions are suggestions; others should be added before the meeting time:

DEFINE: communion, sacrament, the elements, eucharist, covenant, ordinance, commission, disciples, pharisees.

LOCATE: Mount of Olives, Calvary, upper room, Bethphage, Bethany.

ANSWER: What is the chief value of the Lord's supper to the Christian? How do the incidents of the last supper, at which the communion service was instituted, show the continuing love of God in all experiences of life? Can one be a Christian and not partake of the communion emblems? Of what value is a memorial?

GIVE CHAPTER AND VERSE: the triumphal entry, the greatest commandment, prediction of the fall of Jerusalem and the second coming, Judas' plot to betray Jesus, institution of the Lord's supper, the crucifixion, the great commission, the ascension.

Discussion Period

After the participants have been seated, ask for open discussion, under the direction of the leader, on questions that may have arisen during the "spell down."

Counselor's Recapitulation

In the holy, sacred hour of communion with the Lord, we have fellowship with His sufferings. This is the most intimate relationship of all. It brings us face to face with the Lord, not at the zenith of His glory, when the heavenly host met Him at the golden gates to sing the conqueror's song of victory over death, but at the nadir of His defeat, when the shame and shadow of Golgotha were upon Him. The communion hour also provides time for fellowship with His joy. The death cry of the Lord was but the prelude to the resurrection anthem, when the angels made the joyful announcement, "He is risen."

In the hour of sorrowful memories there is joy in our hearts because we know we have been redeemed. Therefore, with gladness we share the loaf and the cup because they symbolize that death which has given us the great hope of eternal life.

Alternate Program

Instead of the Scripture Reading Hymn Time, arrange for a costumed tableau based on Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper." Precede the curtain opening with singing of appropriate hymns and Scripture reading. After the hymns and lights are dimmed, open the curtains and have the cast of characters re-enact the institution of the Lord's supper. Use appropriate dialogue. Be careful not to desecrate this sacred re-enactment.

Other variations might include having a narrator relate the events of the institution of the Lord's Supper as the characters partake of the feast. It is also effective to have the table set before the group without using people to portray the characters and have the narrator give the communion meditation with lights centered on the communion table.

Points to Ponder

1. Why do you think that bread is used as an element for communion?
2. What Jewish feast day was being celebrated at the institution of the Lord's Supper?
3. Why should little children not partake of communion?
4. What is the meaning of transubstantiation?

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 30 Fellowship with Christ
I Corinthians 1:1-3
T. Oct. 1 Nearness to God Psalm 34:1-4
W. Oct. 2 Abiding in Christ John 15:1-5
T. Oct. 3 The Divine Presence Luke 24:45-49
F. Oct. 4 Spiritual Food I Corinthians 10:1-4
S. Oct. 5 The Living Bread John 6:32-35
Sun. Oct. 6—Topic: "In Remembrance of Me" Matthew 26:17-28
(World-Wide Communion Sunday)

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Topic 1 in a Unit: Our Witness for Christ

Ways to Witness

Acts 22:1-15

**Suggested Program**

Prayer Service
 Sing Service: *Saved to Tell Others; I Will Sing the Wondrous Story; Jesus Saves; Send the Light.*
 Announcements and Offering
 Scripture Reading: Acts 22:1-15
 Leader's Introduction
 Discussion of Four Topics
 Leader's Conclusion
 Hymn: *I Am Thine, O Lord*
 Closing Prayer
 Ephraim Benediction

Publicity

Your poster might include both this week's meeting and next week's meeting, so it is a unit. Pictures could be cut out of magazines showing the four topics to be discussed: individual witnessing might be illustrated by a picture of two people talking together; witnessing through the group might be shown by a speaker talking to a group; witnessing inside the church might be shown by a picture of a church, either the outside or inside; witnessing outside the church might be shown by two or three young people at a sports event or perhaps you might paste a tract on the poster. In any case be sure the meaning of the topic is made clear in all your publicity.

For the Leader

The ideas listed under *Leader's Introduction* should be put into your own words and should serve as the foundation for the discussion to follow. The discussion may be set up as a panel discussion with each of four young people giving an opening statement (in their own words) on their topic and then the panel discussing the questions pertaining to that topic, or each of the four may take their turn as leader of a discussion of the entire group on their topic. The conclusion should be by the Leader in either case.

Do your utmost to draw ideas out of the young people, making them do some thinking on their own. Try to get everyone present to participate in the discussion.

Leader's Introduction

Acts 22:1-15 should be our call as well as Paul's call to witness.

- B. Emphasize Paul's call in verses 6-15.
- C. Liken it to the call we all have received to witness: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" Mark 16:15.
- D. Review the reasons we witness: is it duty, obligation, personal gratification, loving concern? Loving concern is the first requisite. The others will achieve no real success because the purpose is wrong. Jesus said, "Love one another, as I have loved you" John 15:12. Christ cares for us; he cared enough to do something about it. Lack of loving concern for the unsaved is usually a result of lack of fellowship between the Lord and an individual.

Individual Witnessing

Let's look at Acts 22:1-15 and see how Paul witnessed. You might also use these approaches as a rule of thumb.

1. Speak in their language: Verse 2 states, "When they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence." People are much more apt to listen if they can easily understand what you are saying. Be very careful to avoid large, show-off words which mean very little and also beware of using words which have meaning only to someone already born again such as: *born again; sanctification; substitutional atonement*; etc. If you use such words, be sure to thoroughly explain their meaning.

2. Identify yourself with them: In verse 3 Paul reminds them he is a true born Jew, brought up in Jerusalem, taught by Gamaliel. He also reminds them that he, too, persecuted Jews (verses 3b and 4). In verse 5 he says "the high priest doth bear me witness." If in some way you can establish rapport (get the person or group on your side) with your listener and get him to say "yes, yes," then he will be less likely to say "no" at a later point in the conversation when he might disagree with you.

3. Do not bring up unnecessary controversial points: When Paul mentioned Ananias in verse 12 he did *not* mention that Ananias was a Christian, but that he was a devout Jew and well-spoken of by all Jews. Paul's entire message was Jesus Christ. Let that be our message also.

4. Do not condemn: This is perhaps the hardest part of all witnessing. Notice, however, that Paul throughout the entire Chapter 22 did not condemn his listeners. Leave this convicting process up to the Holy Spirit who knows the real heart condition of your listener.

Questions for Discussion

1. Do we *really* believe that all who are not born again are lost?
2. Is it enough to just let our life "speak" our witness? Isn't this being terribly self-righteous?
3. What is a witness? (One who knows Jesus Christ and is interested in introducing Him to others.)
4. What do you know about Jesus that you could tell an unsaved person?
5. What is the reaction of an unsaved person to a Christian who rattles off a list of 1-2-3 facts and then asks for a decision for the Lord?
6. How can listening to the non-Christian be an important asset of the witnessing Christian?
7. What should you do if the non-Christian disagrees with you? Argue? Go away mad? Forget the whole thing?

Witnessing through the Group

A group can only be a witness to the extent of the spiritual concern it has for the lost. If we really care, our attitude and our program will show it. A group is nothing more than several individuals in one place, so witnessing by a group must be done on an individual, but co-operative basis. Let's discuss how the following things affect our group's witness, be it Sunday school class, Christian Endeavor society, school Bible club or whatever.

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1. In what way does a reverent attitude while at church and church-associated meetings affect our witness?

2. Is an undisciplined group a good witness? Why?

3. Does your group pray for specific unsaved people? Do you share each other's burdens by praying for them?

4. What part does friendliness play in the overall witness of a group?

5. Does your group ever make fun of another group, their beliefs, race, attitude, etc.?

6. What part does Christian citizenship play in your group's witness?

7. Are the activities of your group planned with thought given to the rights of others? In other words, might others be hurt or offended in a physical, spiritual or moral way by what your group intends to do?

Witnessing by the Church

Most of us think of a witness by the church as being the responsibility of the Pastor and the ruling board. This is true, in part. Most of the preaching will be done by the Pastor and most decisions will be made by the Board. Let's discuss what your part and my part can be in the church's witness.

1. Do you agree with the message being preached from your church's pulpit?

2. Do you understand it well enough to discuss it in case someone asks you?

3. Do you participate actively in the projects of the church which require some outgiving on your part rather than just listening and receiving?

4. Do you ever bring visitors to Sunday school, Christian Endeavor, church or to special meetings?

5. In what way can we, the "future leaders of our church" prepare ourselves for this task of leadership?

6. Are we prepared as individuals to serve as personal workers in an evangelistic service?

7. Should teenagers serve as personal workers or should this be an adult's job?

Witnessing Outside the Church

This type of witnessing includes many different areas. First of all, probably, is our own homes, if not our immediate family, then more distant relatives. It

also includes our classmates, our teachers, our boyfriends and girlfriends, and our circle of close friends. Do we have any unsaved friends or are we too involved in church? Witnessing outside the church also includes complete strangers whom our paths happen to cross.

1. What should we do if we have witnessed to friends by telling them only what we *don't* do in regard to worldly things and not about Jesus Christ? Is this negative attitude really Christianity?

2. Is it important for a non-Christian to see something different in you as compared to him? Will this attract the non-Christian?

3. What is the difference between treating a stranger as just another "case" and throwing the facts of salvation at him and in treating him as a person and friend in whom you are interested?

4. Should you just hand a person a tract or just recite a verse of Scripture, or should you wait until you are led to a person who has a few moments, at least, in which to talk?

5. Is it harder to talk to someone in your family about Jesus than an "outsider"?

6. If this is true, isn't it also true that our life tells the story more than our words? Then, why do we live such a self-righteous, know-it-all, hard-to-get-along-with life in our homes?

7. Have you really prayed to God, putting your loved ones into His hands? Can you cease your prayer efforts, now, and give thanks? You should!

Leader's Conclusion

We have discussed four separate areas of witnessing for Jesus Christ, but are they really separate? In each one we found that it required a personal, individual witness to Jesus Christ himself.

Let us remember this one thing. Jesus Christ is the one we must talk about, think about, study about. To what have we been witnessing: our own changed life which may not look changed on the outside, experiences our pastor has mentioned, the evils of sin, or perhaps even facts about the Bible but not Jesus? These are all important, but only after a decision has been made to accept Jesus' gift of free salvation. Let's put our emphasis on *The One*, the person of the Lord Jesus Christ who has already taken care of our sins. Let's learn all we can about Him. Study the witness of the early church throughout the Book of Acts. Let's make our witness count for eternity!

Alternate Program

If your group does not care for discussion, perhaps you could spend a few minutes mentioning the highlights of the material given here and then divide in two's and do some actual practicing witnessing by role playing. You could set up some assignments and see if it really is as easy as it looks and if the young people actually can tell someone what they believe.

Use the following thoughts for a summary of the topic.

W—Watch for new people moving in the community. Be the first to invite them to your church.

I—Invite your friends at school, Christian Endeavor meetings; put them up on the night of the meeting.

T—Train yourself to be ready to tell others what Christ means to you.

N—Now is the time to begin your witnessing campaign. To delay will only make it harder to start later.

E—Every young person can learn effective witnessing by trusting Christ for strength.

S—Send post cards to absentee members and invitations to prospective members.

S—Sing the praises of the Lord and be prompt to speak for your beliefs when the opportunity arises.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Oct. 7	God Demands Service	Psalms
T. Oct. 8	Humility in Service	Acts 20:17
W. Oct. 9	Joy in Service	Luke 10:17
T. Oct. 10	Service is Christlike	John 13:14
F. Oct. 11	Service Lightens Burdens	Galatians 6:14
S. Oct. 12	Service Demonstrates Love	John 21:15
Sun. Oct. 13—Topic:	Ways to Witness	Acts 22:1

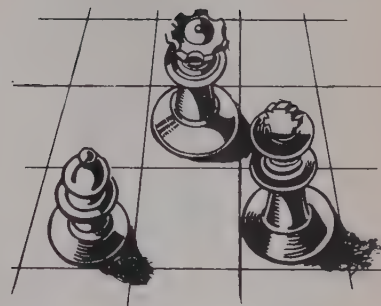
Comments by Mrs. Edward Fierce, sponsor, with her husband of the High School society of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Peoria, Illinois

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black kram-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 60c each, \$6 per dozen, \$48 per hundred.

Topic 2 in a Unit: Our Witness for Christ

It's Your Move

Isaiah 43:10; Matthew 28:19, 20



Suggested Program

Prayer Service

Prayer Service: *Amazing Grace; I Love to Tell the Story; Since Jesus Came into My Heart; I Am Praying for You.*

Discussion

Counselor's Conclusion

Announcements and Offering

Hymn: *Living for Jesus*

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Publicity

Checkerboard posters and invitations might be prepared to tie in with the program chart discussed below. Or, if you made a poster as suggested last week to include with that meeting and this one, be sure it is still usable (not dirty or torn) and has the details of this meeting on it.

For the Leader

The purpose of this meeting is to provide actual preparation for witnessing. There is given here a suggested Christian Worker's Outline. It should be duplicated and handed to every person present at your meeting and the entire meeting should be devoted to discussion of it and application of the various points to the young persons' lives.

The discussion could be led by the leader of the meeting with perhaps the members doing some role playing to actually work out some of the ideas given. There are several questions included in the outline to give the young people a chance to participate in the discussion.

Your counselor should conclude the discussion with a summary of all that has been mentioned and with some suggestions as to what further study and preparation is needed, both on a group basis and a personal one.

This outline is intended only to be a starting point for the Executive Committee of your group and your counselors. It is fully intended that they add to it and, if needed, take from it as they see fit.

Progress Chart

A checkerboard could be made with the name of a member for each line of squares. Each time the member makes

Our Aims

1. Preparation of young people for witnessing for Jesus Christ.
2. Instilling a love and concern for the lost in the hearts of young people.

a specific move in witnessing, a marker is moved one square. Be sure to include credit for Scripture memorizing and other preparation needed by the Christian before he begins witnessing.

Christian Worker's Outline

I. WHY WITNESS

A. Love is the first requirement. Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." He loved us by sharing our problems, caring enough to do something about them, and accepting us as we are. We can love those around us the same way.

B. This love will come as a result of close fellowship with Jesus Christ. When we read the Bible and pray regularly and often, we see the love of God flooding into our lives through the Holy Spirit.

C. We know that people are going to hell without Jesus and that we ought to witness and show them the way of salvation.

1. Do we do it? If not, it is because we don't really love them.

2. When we are in close fellowship with God we meditate upon His love for us and upon all He has done for us.

3. This can only lead to a desire to share this knowledge.

II. ARE YOU READY?

A. Only born-again Christians can win others to Christ.

1. Are you sure of your own heart's condition?

2. If not, stop right now. Re-read these verses: Ephesians 2:8,9; John 3:3-18; John 20:30,31; Romans 10:9,

10; Romans 6:23. Then, for assurance of your salvation, read I John 5:12; John 6:37 and Philipians 1:6.

B. Do you really believe men are lost and need the Gospel?

1. Luke 15.

C. Be convinced of the adequacy of Christ

1. Acts 4:12.

2. I Corinthians 3:11.

D. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you.

1. He indwells you (I Corinthians 6:19,20).

2. He will convict (John 16:7,8).

3. He will exalt Christ (John 16:13-15).

4. Acts lists many instances of His guidance. See what you find in these chapters: Acts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6:8-15, 9:17,31.

III. PREPARE

A. Pray.

1. Luke 24:49. Without tarrying in prayer there would have been no Pentecost.

2. Don't hurry away to your duties, take time to pray.

3. Confess any unconfessed sin (I John 1:9) and surrender every part of your heart and life (Romans 12:1), then pray for others.

4. Pray expecting an answer.

5. Pray with thanksgiving for the answer you know God will send.

6. Pray in your daily devotions; pray every morning committing your day to the Holy Spirit, and pray that an opportunity arises to witness.

7. Pray specifically using names of people or at least certain groups of people.

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8. Study these verses: Philippians 4:6,7; Matthew 6:5-15; I Peter 5:7; I Thessalonians 5:17; Romans 8:26.

B. Read the Bible.

1. Daily for your own need.
2. Study for helps for others.
3. Think as you read.
4. Analyze it by Chapters, then by verses.
5. Analyze it by subject: all the verses on prayer, or assurance, or sin, etc.
6. Memorize systematically: by subject and regularly, either one a day, two a week or whatever is possible for you.
7. Review, over and over, the verses you have memorized whenever you get a few moments.

IV. POINT OF CONTACT

A. What is your message to be?

1. Jesus Christ, who He is and what He's done for us.
2. Do not let yourself be sidetracked though every effort will probably be made to do so.
3. Discussion about baptism, morals, sacraments, unfriendliness in the churches, etc. should be saved until much later.
4. Keep the conversation on that which is first in importance—Jesus Christ.
5. The unsaved must learn to know Christ before he can put his trust in Him. Tell him about the things Jesus said about Himself, about His resurrection from the dead, about His love for us.

B. How to begin.

1. The following are good opening questions. Be careful that you know the answers before you ask the questions, however.
2. What do you think of Christ? What do you think a real Christian is? Have you ever personally trusted Christ or are you still on the way? How far along the way are you? Would you like to become a Christian now? (the last three questions should go together.)
3. Asking questions is much more apt to arouse interest in a listener than "preaching" to him.
4. If you feel questions are not appropriate, use some object close at hand and tie it in with God; such as the weather, a current event, a tangible object nearby, the person's occupation,

a miracle of nature.

5. Once the conversation is open, listen carefully. Why? To find out the beliefs, the need, the attitudes of the person to whom you are talking.

6. Once you know these things, you may proceed to tell him things about Jesus that will fill his particular need.

C. Use your Bible

1. Once the conversation is open, refer to your Bible often. Show your friend just what it says.

2. Ask him "what does this verse say" or "does this affect you."

D. Achieving your goal

1. Once you have instilled a desire in the unsaved to accept the salvation Christ offers, you must present that plan.

2. This is not your witness, it is the *result* of your witness.

3. The following outlines will help you guide someone to saving faith.

THE THREE PARTS OF SALVATION

1. Christ's Part (Romans 5:8)

2. Man's Part (John 6:37)

3. God's Part (Romans 6:23)

The Plan of Salvation in Christ's Own Words:

1. Christ's picture of the sinner's need: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" Luke 5:32.
2. Christ's death as the sinner's substitute: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" John 10:11.
3. Christ's offer to be the Saviour of sinners: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" John 14:6.
4. Christ's pronouncement to a trusting sinner: "Thy sins are forgiven. Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace" Luke 7:48, 50.

SALVATION IN FOUR WORDS

1. Salvation needed: SIN (Romans 3:23).
2. Salvation provided: CALVARY (I Peter 2:24).
3. Salvation offered: FAITH (Ephesians 2:8).
4. Salvation accepted: LIFE (I John 5:12).

THE PLAN OF SALVATION MADE BRIEF AND PERSONAL

1. YOU are a needy sinner. "ALL have sinned . . ." (Romans 3:23). ALL includes YOU.
2. God gave His Son to die for YOU — in YOUR place (Romans 5:8).
3. By taking Christ, YOU get forgiveness for your sins and life everlasting (Luke 7:48; John 3:16). Forgiveness, peace, new life, everlasting life — all are wrapped up in Christ.
4. Will YOU now take Christ and thank Him for dying in your place and for saving you? (John 1:12; II Corinthians 6:2b). It is not enough to believe the facts about Christ; you must appropriate or receive the Person — Christ — Himself. "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul."

(From *How to Win Souls* by Eugene Myers Harrison, Scripture Press — used by permission)

4. Once you have presented the facts (use just one outline) ask person if he is ready to come to Christ to receive Him as Saviour. If so, suggest that he pray to God and tell Him just that.

5. After he has prayed, then you pray thanking God for this gift of salvation.

6. Be certain before you leave the person that he is assured of his salvation. John 1:12 is excellent. Use the thoughts: Did you "receive" Christ? Sincerely? Then God has promised to do something. Is God honest? Then it has been done. He is now a son of God.

7. Use also John 6:45 and Philippians 1:6.

E. Follow-up

1. Uphold the new Christian in prayer for his needs will be great.

2. Suggest that he should now do three things: read his Bible daily, pray, asking God about anything, telling him about everything; and tell others he has received Christ.

3. Try to contact him in a few days with words of encouragement and interest in how he is doing.

4. If your witness has not resulted in a decision, by all means pray for the person and seek new ways to witness without offending.

Alternate Program

You could give each section of the Outline to a young person and have him discuss it. They try the role playing.

If your group likes buzz sessions, divide up and let each group go over the outline and discuss it thoroughly.

Daily Bible Readings

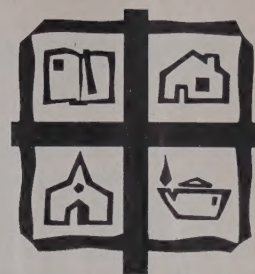
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| M. Oct. 14 | Service Is Individual | Matthew 13:18-23 |
| T. Oct. 15 | Service Is Constant | I Corinthians 15:50-58 |
| W. Oct. 16 | Service Is Immediate | Matthew 21:28-32 |
| T. Oct. 17 | Service Is According to Ability | Matthew 25:1-13 |
| F. Oct. 18 | Service Demands Willingness | Psalms 139:23-24 |
| S. Oct. 19 | Service Should Be Completed | II Timothy 4:1-8 |
| Sun. Oct. 20 | Topic: It's Your Move
Isaiah 43:10; Matthew 28:19, 20 | |

Comments by Mrs. Edward Fierce, sponsor, with her husband of the High School society of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Peoria, Illinois

Faith of Our Fathers

Romans 1:1-17

(Reformation Sunday)



Suggested Program

Prayer Service

to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3

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Promoting the Meeting

Use your imagination and have fun promoting this meeting. Search for pictures of the Reformers and paste them to colorful background paper. Caption these: *Our next Christian Endeavor speaker*. Don't forget to place advance publicity in your church bulletin or news sheet. Activate the publicity committee of the society to help you contact the members to be present.

Christian Endeavorers should continually remember that promotion is for the sake of winning other youth to Christ and consequently to the society. How long has it been since you invited others from the outside to come to a society meeting. Plan a special emphasis program and commit every society member to invite a specific person that he or she knows by name.

Remember to take time to pray that your contacts will yield results. Endeavor to enroll visitors and be sure you include them in your group and make them feel at home. This is one way we can "... go into all the world and preach the gospel".

Remember that promotion is not enough in itself. Strive for a meeting that moves and is alive. Spend enough time preparing the material so you can present it without reading. Make a special effort to see that every member par-

ticipates in the meeting. It is upon these principles that good society meetings are made.

For the Leader

Five members will be needed to help in the presentation of this topic. Each one represents a Reformation character. After each presentation opportunity should be given to the Society members to identify the character. You can help give clues to their identity by providing costumes which may indicate the country from which the Reformer came. Encourage the participants to present their sketches without reading them. Follow up the presentation with a discussion of each and the qualities of these men which reflect the Spirit of Christ and which should be a part of every Endeavorer's life. Use the questions included in the topic to stimulate discussion. To get a discussion started give questions to society members in advance and ask them to prepare an answer. This method will help get things started. A chalkboard can be helpful to write down ideas expressed in the discussion and could be distributed later in mimeograph form.

Presentation of the Topic

REFORMER NUMBER ONE

I was born in Hipswell in Yorkshire, England and attended Balliol College in Oxford. In 1374 I was appointed a theological advisor to the King. I was much opposed to the wealth and waste in the Church headed by the Pope. The Bible taught me that God was the Overlord rather than the Pope. Many religious leaders were crooked and deceitful hoping only for personal gain. I favored the dismissal of any religious leader who was not faithful in his duties. In 1377 Pope Gregory XI issued an order for my arrest but many of my own beloved countrymen protected me from him. Later I became bolder in my convictions and began to write articles which said mostly that the Bible is the only law of the Church rather than the Pope. The Church is not the Pope but the sum of all the believers and its only head is Christ. In my strong belief that the Bible was for all the people, I decided to

translate it from the Latin Vulgate version to the English. Many people tried to prevent it from being circulated. Despite persecution and suppression, however, it became a best seller. I had helpers to spread the copies around. They were called poor priests. Many of my friends began attacking me for my views, but I believe that God has used me greatly in spreading of His Holy Word. Who am I. (*Answer: John Wyclif*)

REFORMER NUMBER TWO

I was born in a very poor family in Husinecz, Bohemia in 1373. I became a Bachelor of Theology in 1394 and a Master of Arts two years later at the University of Prague. In 1401 I was ordained a priest and became acquainted with the writings of Wyclif. I really became enthused when I read that he too believed that the Church consists of all believers and that the Scriptures are the authority for the Church rather than the Pope. The Church where I preached was in Prague and its name was the Bethlehem Chapel. I preached against the clergymen who abused their offices and I offered the communion cup to all the members which was strictly forbidden by the Pope. The Roman Catholic Church tried to make us teach that money payments affected forgiveness and that it was all right to use physical force to make a man believe what they told him. My heart burned inside as I steadily preached against such heresy. The Pope sent out a proclamation inviting me to Rome with a promise of safe conduct. I felt I should go though I feared for my life. When I arrived in Rome, the Pope's soldiers put me in chains and later they tried me and ordered me burned at the stake. I pray that I have been faithful to God even in death. He will save me and I shall live with Him forever. Who am I? (*Answer: John Huss*)

REFORMER NUMBER THREE

I was born on November 10, 1482 in Eisleben, Germany. My father and moth-

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er were simple peasant folk of strong faith. I was brought up as a child to believe in God and the authority of the Pope. Music was a favorite subject of mine in school and I studied it part of the time at the University of Erfurt from 1501-1505. Then I began to study law but the death of a close friend taught me how serious life really is and this changed my mind. I entered a monastery in Erfurt. Life at the monastery was not what I thought it would be at all. I found no peace for my soul there. Even though I wrote many books and studied for a professorship, still there was no peace. I did not really feel forgiven for my sins until studying the book of Romans which led me to believe that God forgives those who repent and believe on Him and that such forgiveness comes by faith in Christ. This was the good news I had been looking for, but when I tried to tell others everyone was upset. This was too different and too opposed to what the Roman Pope and the Church had taught us. On October 31, 1517 I placed ninety-five of my deepest beliefs upon the bulletin board of the Wittenberg Castle Church. I did not realize the excitement that it would cause at the time, but I was prepared to defend by the Word of God these beliefs. I was called to a great meeting at Worms to be asked to recant all what I had written in many books and pamphlets. It was difficult standing before all those learned men to make such a decision. I asked for a day to think about it. My answer the next day was "I cannot do otherwise. Here I stand. God help me, Amen." My faith was placed squarely in God and in His Holy Word. My life was endangered when I was condemned by the Council, but my friends helped to hide me for the rest of my life. I did not want to leave the Roman Church, but since they would not listen to me, it became a necessity. This was the birth of the Protestant Church. Who am I? (Answer: Martin Luther)

REFORMER NUMBER FOUR

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Huldreich and I was born in 1484 in Wildaus, Switzerland. After graduation from the University of Vienna in the school of Classics, I attended the University of Basel. A teacher there by the name of Wytenback taught me that Scripture was the only authority for life and that Christ alone forgives our sins. I decided to become a preacher and then became a chaplain in the Army. Later as a pastor I defended any parishioners who broke the Roman Catholic

Lenten fasting rules. The Scriptures teach the need of justification by faith but not the necessity of fasting and penance. I believed in preaching with all the talent and enthusiasm I had, that the Bible alone is our authority for life. I even wrote sixty-seven articles affirming that the Gospel derives no authority from the Pope or the Church. Then things began to happen. Priest and nuns married. Fees for baptisms and burials disappeared. The use of images were attacked as well as the use of the mass. From all of this I lost many friends, but did so believing God was directing my life. I was very interested in politics and tried to apply Christian principles to the city and State. Again this caused me the loss of friends. God, however, does not promise friends. He asks only for our faithful obedience to Him. Who am I? (Answer: Huldreich Zwingli)

REFORMER NUMBER FIVE

How-do-you-do! I, too, am a reformer. I was born in the town of Noyon, about fifty miles northeast of Paris, in 1509. My father was an attorney and our family was quite influential among the nobles of France. I studied at the University of Paris and my favorite subject was Latin. Later my major subject was Law. My final degree was in Law but I had a strong interest in theology. In the spring of 1533, however, I was suddenly converted and God spoke to me strongly through His Word so that I decided I should become a theologian. In 1536, I wrote a book of theology that later became very famous and was influential in all the world. I strongly believed that man's highest knowledge is that of God and of himself and that God is sovereign in the past, present, and future. No man has merit on his own and all are saved by God in Christ through faith. Man is to show his gratitude to God for salvation by dedicating his life to holiness and by seeking to live in God's will. A man's spiritual life is nourished through prayer and through the study of God's Word. I later had the reputation for being the systematic theologian of the Reformation and wrote a book called *The Institutes of the Christian Religion* when I was twenty-six years old. Later I moved to Geneva, Switzerland where I spent many years promoting the reformation faith. Who am I? (Answer: John Calvin)

Discussion of the Topic

1. What was Zwingli's greatest contribution to the Reformation?
2. What was Calvin's unique contribution to the Reformation?

3. What qualities of character seemed to be evident in all the reformers?
4. Why did the reformers think it was necessary to make such great sacrifices to the extent of their own lives?
5. What was Wyclif's greatest contribution?
6. Is a Reformation needed today? If so, what kind?
7. What should be our attitude today toward the Roman Catholic Church?
8. What qualities of the reformers should be applied to our own lives as Christians?
9. How can we apply them to our lives at school, home and community?
10. How important was school in the preparation of the reformers before God used them? What kind of education did they have?
11. Does God call men and women to special tasks during the time of preparation for life?
12. What does Justification by Faith mean?
13. What does the Priesthood of Believers mean?
14. How can we know if God wants us for special tasks?

Alternate Presentation

Instead of trying to guess the name of the reformer, a large picture of each reformer could be spotlighted while a tape recorded message told of his life and activities. The topic information could be taped in the first person giving the impression that the picture was speaking.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Oct. 21	Separation from God	Romans 1:24-3
T. Oct. 22	Judgment of God	Romans
W. Oct. 23	Plan of Salvation	Romans
T. Oct. 24	Example of Faith	Romans
F. Oct. 25	Blessings of Faith	Romans
S. Oct. 26	New Life in Christ	Romans
Sun. Oct. 27—Topic:	Faith of Our Fathers	Romans 1:1-1
	(Reformation Sunday)	

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Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

Topic Summaries for October

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

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Being a Christian (two topics)

"In Remembrance"

John 6:52-58; 1 Corinthians 11:20-28
The Lord's Supper should be the great "Quiet Hour" of the church. It provides time for self-examination, reflection, and consecration. Assign three topics for discussion: (1) Commemoration—"This in remembrance of me." At the Lord's table we are guests of God in honor of Christ. (2) Communion—communion with Christ and communion with those like precious faith. (3) Covenant—G. Campbell Morgan says: "The old Passover feast was the feast of the exodus, and this was a feast of hope. The new is a feast of the exodus, but the exodus that has accomplished, which no longer is the heart with hope, but with the reality of an achieved victory." The Lord's Supper has to do with life—a life of righteousness in this world and eternal life in the world that is to come.

Milk and Meat

Hebrews 5:11-14; Luke 2:52

The difference between milk and meat is analogous to the difference between a child and an adult, an invalid and a strong person. When a child is born we are careful to observe the laws that gov-

ern growth—right diet, cleanliness, rest, and all the other aids that nature requires. Growth proceeds day and night according to physical law. Spiritual growth is no less dependent upon the right conformity to the conditions of growth. Among things that determine the Christian's growth are study of the Word of God (II Timothy 2:15-26); prayer (I Thessalonians 5:17); Christian service (Romans 12:1-8). Assign these subjects to three persons for ten-minute presentations. If time permits, follow with open discussion of these aspects of Christian growth.

Movements Toward Unity (two topics)

1. Unity in Christ's Body

John 17; 1 Corinthians 12

The Lord Jesus Christ prayed "that they all may be one." His earnest desire was for unity in His body on earth, the church. Men and movements have torn it asunder; others are threatening. Let this meeting explore the concept of Christian unity and evaluate the assets and the liabilities of the Church invisible. Consider the following movements one by one, compiling data, and weighing their values. Which offer the greatest assistance to unity in Christ's body? You may want to add others to this list:

- universal education
- world citizenship programs

- international organizations such as Boy Scouts, Rotary Clubs, Christian Endeavor, Communism, and Red Cross
- evangelism and missions
- political organizations and philosophies
- labor movements

2. Unity in Protestantism

Jude 1; Luke 9:49,50

Each branch of Christendom feels it is the true Church. Protestants are convinced that they alone have kept the purity of the "faith once delivered" and that all others have diverged, before or after the Reformation. What are the evidences in Scripture? In history? Within the ranks of our church visible, new and vigorous efforts are being made for unity. We are surrounded, nearly overwhelmed with mergers and rumors of mergers, with organizations and threats of organizations. Do they represent true unity? Study the purposes and programs of the following efforts toward united action, weighing their values. Discuss which of these or others you may add to make for essential unity in Protestantism:

- denominational mergers
- National Council of Churches
- Christian Endeavor
- National Association of Evangelicals
- aggressive "pro-Protestant" organizations

New Ontario Society Reports

An Adult Christian Endeavor Society was organized at the New Dundee United Brethren in Christ Church October 24, with 24 members. Audrey Fiederlein is president, with Miriam Hilborn as secretary. The group meets bi-weekly.

When only a few months old the society enrolled as a member of the International Society. In January the group held two joint meetings with the Young People's Society and on February 3 they participated in the evening service marking Christian Endeavor's 82nd birthday.

Special events sponsored by the group include a bus trip in December to the Christmas pageant "And the Word Was Made Flesh" at Stratford. The 75 who participated returned to the church for a Christmas devotional period and a buffet supper. In January members enjoyed a Record Festival at the president's home. They brought favorite sacred recordings and told items of interest about them.

This group plans to help purchase drapes for Sunday school classrooms, in addition to supporting the church's medical mission work in Sierra Leone, Africa.

LET'S say a good word for suggestions.

When leaders respond to suggestions, even those members who never offer them have the satisfaction of knowing that they can share in planning. Those who do present ideas are drawn more closely into the program of the group. Many a future leader's interest and abilities are first recognized by the suggestions that are made, and worked over and discussed, and then applied in group action.

"Throwing out a suggestion" is helpful, but an idea of worth and significance can be much more valuable (and discussible) if the member develops his proposal by thinking it through and setting forth the details in writing.

As a further improvement on program suggestions or proposed new activities, let us encourage the member to go over these ideas with another member or two or perhaps one of the officers.

The group's Suggestion Box encourages written proposals that go somewhat beyond the stage of a question, "Why don't we do so-and-so?" Having such a box always available, for signed or unsigned suggestions, is probably less valuable than to display it in the meeting-place at intervals—calling attention to it at such times and also announcing, "We'll have our Suggestion Box ready for your ideas at the next two meetings."

Leaders can guide this process at certain seasons by announcing that they are seeking, in particular, the group's suggestions on specific phases of the activities and emphases.—B. H. D.

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